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From the Director's Desk

Dear Students, Faculty, Well-wishers, and Friends of IIPHG,

It is with great pride that I present the fourth issue (April-June 2025) of the IIPHG Newsletter. We are delighted to share that the newsletter has been assigned an ISSN: 3107-3921.

This period has been a testament to IIPHG's unwavering commitment to innovation, impact, and inclusive approaches to public health and hospital administration. IIPHG's strong presence was marked at ISHTA-2025, where we showcased Gujarat's leadership in health technology. We successfully launched a joint certification program in Infection Prevention & Control and Antimicrobial Stewardship, conducted in collaboration with the Indian Medical Association – Gujarat State Branch, the Centre for Quality Improvement & Patient Safety, and COHERD. We also launched our Summer One Health School. Further advancing student welfare, we established the Well-Being Cell at IIPHG to actively support and promote mental health and overall well-being among our student community. We are honored to receive national recognition for the open-source Ni-kshay SETU platform at the India Innovation Summit, contribute to Varanasi's first Heat Action Plan, and launch a book on notable practices across hospitals in India at CAHOCON 2025. Our students also earned global accolades in climate innovation.

Our grassroots work in nutrition, maternal and child health, and capacity-building across Gujarat continues to anchor our mission.

I invite you to explore this edition and join us in building a healthier, more equitable future.

Warm Regards

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10th Foundation Day – A Decade of Impact!!

On 2nd May 2025, IIPHG celebrated 10 years of advancing public health in India.



The event was graced by Shri S. J. Haider, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Government of Gujarat; Dr. Nitin Patel, Secretary, Indian Medical Association, Ahmedabad; Prof. Sanjay Zodpey, President, PHFI and Founding Director, IIPHG; Prof. J. Satia, Senior Advisor, PHFI; and Dr. Dileep Mavalankar, Distinguished Professor and Former Director, IIPHG.

Key launches included: a Rooftop Solar System, SAATHI Mentoring Module under IPSI, One Health Summer School, a Wellbeing Cell, and a Certification Programme on Infection Control and Antimicrobial Stewardship with IMA Ahmedabad.

Highlights

IIPHG at ISHTA-2025

IIPHG played a key role at the 3rd International Symposium for Health Technology Assessment (ISHTA-2025) held on 8–9 March 2025. Through its HTA Resource Hub, it led Gujarat's participation, highlighting innovations like Project Lifeline (Portable ECG for PHCs) and the TeCHO+ programme.

Dr. Somen Saha played a pivotal role by leading Gujarat's coordination, moderating key scientific sessions, and actively contributing to the Marketplace—ensuring a strong and strategic presence for Gujarat at ISHTA-2025.



The Hub enabled representation from HTA-implemented projects across the state, facilitating engagement, collaboration, and knowledge exchange. A special focus was placed on the Marketplace, where IIPHG partnered with local innovators to showcase impactful technologies and practical applications of HTA in real-world settings.

To ensure smooth execution, IIPHG deputed research scientists for technical and logistical support throughout the event. Their contributions ensured effective documentation, seamless communication, and robust knowledge sharing.

IIPHG Signs Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Air Force (IAF)



IIPHG has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Air Force (IAF) to strengthen public health research, training, and capacity-building tailored to the needs of IAF personnel and their families.

A key focus of the collaboration is offering specialized healthcare and public health courses for IAF officers and their wards.

We extend our sincere thanks to our Chair, Shri Parimal Nathwani, for his continued guidance and support in enabling this meaningful partnership with the Armed Forces.

IIPHG Signs MoU with Sense International India

IIPHG is pleased to announce the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Sense International India. This strategic collaboration aims to advance research, build capacity, and promote community-based initiatives focused on deaf blindness inclusion, mental health promotion, and strengthening healthcare services for persons with disabilities.

Together, we envision a future where healthcare is accessible, equitable, and responsive to the needs of all individuals, especially those with disabilities.

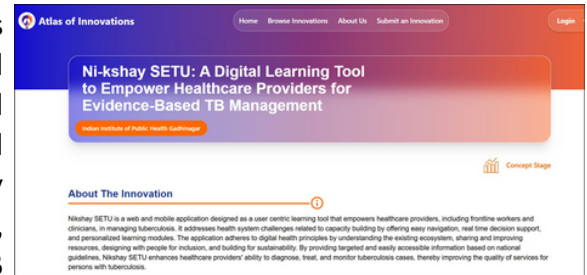


Highlights

IIPHG's Ni-kshay SETU Featured in Atlas of TB Innovations

IIPHG achieved a significant milestone with the inclusion of Ni-kshay SETU in the Atlas of TB Innovations, unveiled on 18–19 March 2025 during the India Innovation Summit at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.

The recognition highlights IIPHG's rigorous efforts in demonstrating the platform's scalability and impact through user testing, live demos, and strategic engagement with TB experts and policymakers. Direct interactions with key stakeholders, including the Gates Foundation, further showcased IIPHG's leadership in digital TB care innovation.



IIPHG's Latest Ni-kshay SETU Version Now Open-Source on GitHub



IIPHG has launched the latest version of the Ni-kshay SETU application as open-source on GitHub, promoting transparency, collaboration, and innovation in digital TB care.

This move enables developers, researchers, and public health professionals to access, customize, and contribute to the platform, allowing adaptation to local needs and strengthening the digital health ecosystem.

IIPHG Showcases Ni-kshay SETU at India Innovation Summit 2025

IIPHG showcased the Ni-kshay SETU application at the India Innovation Summit 2025, held on March 18–19 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. Organized by ICMR, the Central TB Division (MoH&FW), and The Union, the summit focused on innovative solutions for TB elimination.

IIPHG's interactive stall received enthusiastic responses from policymakers and health experts, highlighting Ni-kshay SETU's potential to strengthen TB care by improving knowledge access, clinical decision-making, and provider support.



IIPHG Organizes LEAD Workshop in Tapi District



IIPHG, under its Centre of Excellence in Nutrition (CoEN) and Project Tushti—a CSR initiative by Nayara Energy—conducted a LEAD (Learn, Explain and Develop) Workshop on 14–15 May 2025 in Tapi District.

Inaugurated by Dr. Vipin Garg (IAS), District Collector, the workshop enhanced the soft skills of Mukhya Sevikas and CDPOs through sessions on supportive supervision, counselling, and SBCC. The training aimed to strengthen ICDS engagement and improve nutrition outcomes in tribal communities.

Highlights

IIPHG Regional Consultants Felicitated for ICDS Support in Vadodara

Two Regional Consultants from IIPHG's Centre of Excellence in Nutrition (supported by Nayara Energy's CSR initiative) were felicitated by the Regional Deputy Director, Women and Child Development Department, Vadodara, for their exemplary technical support to ICDS from 2023 to March 2025. Their contributions included Training Needs Assessments, thematic trainings, continuous field support, and data-driven initiatives like Poshan Tracker analysis and performance reviews—significantly enhancing program planning and service delivery.



IIPHG Advances CMAM Planning in Mahisagar and VMC



IIPHG through CoEN is guiding CMAM planning in Mahisagar and Vadodara Municipal Corporation. A pilot in Mahisagar's Balasinor block targets 19 priority Anganwadi Centres using Poshan Tracker data, while VMC adapts the model for urban rollout across four blocks. Both efforts focus on data-driven planning, convergence, and capacity building to strengthen CMAM delivery in rural and urban settings.

IIPHG Supports EGF Pilot in Surat

IIPHG, through CoEN, is providing technical support to a pilot addressing Early Growth Faltering in Surat District. Led by the District Development Officer, the initiative covers 158 Anganwadi Centres across four blocks, with joint efforts from ICDS and Health Departments.

Over 4,000 children have been screened through targeted outreach, guided by Poshan Tracker and adolescent pregnancy data. IIPHG has supported training, monitoring, and implementation—strengthening early identification, convergence, and community engagement.



Poshan Sangam Strategic Planning Pilot: Intervention Phase Begins!



IIPHG's Poshan Sangam Strategic Planning Pilot under the C-MAM program has entered its intervention phase in selected sectors of the Ahmedabad zone.

Led by the Regional Deputy Director – Ahmedabad and IIPHG's CoEN under Project Tushti (supported by Nayara Energy's CSR initiative), the pilot aims to strengthen C-MAM through a 360-degree strategic plan. Orientation sessions have been conducted across 9 districts, including Ahmedabad Rural, Gandhinagar, Bhavnagar, Mehsana, Patan, Banaskantha, Surendranagar, and Aravalli.

Highlights

QUALIPS at CAHOCON 2025



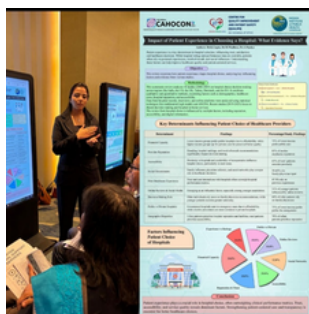
IIPHG's Centre for Quality Improvement and Patient Safety (QUALIPS), in collaboration with CAHO, hosted a powerful Pre-Conference session at CAHOCON 2025. Experts came together to exchange insights on “Driving Healthcare Excellence through Best Practices,” showcasing innovative ideas to elevate healthcare quality across India.

QUALIPS & CAHO - Book Launch



IIPHG's QUALIPS and CAHO proudly unveiled their co-authored book, “Leading the Way – Transforming Healthcare Practices,” at CAHOCON 2025. The book captures impactful stories of quality improvement from hospitals and clinics, setting a benchmark for practical healthcare transformation.

Research



IIPHG's Dr. Kruti Gupta and Ms. Saeka Zafar presented a compelling poster at CAHOCON 2025. This presentation reflects QUALIPS' ongoing commitment to research excellence, continuous learning, and deep engagement with the global healthcare quality community.



Dialogue on Medical Value Travel

IIPHG's QUALIPS led a dynamic Round Table and Panel Discussion on “Positioning India as a Global Destination for Medical Value Travel” at CAHOCON 2025. This platform brought experts together to explore India's potential as a hub for high-quality, affordable medical care for international patients.



QUALIPS Takes MVT Dialogue Global at World Health Summit 2025



IIPHG's QUALIPS hosted a Round Table on Medical Value Travel at the World Health Summit 2025. The discussion focused on quality benchmarks and international collaborations to enhance India's leadership in cross-border healthcare delivery.

Highlights

QUALIPS Strengthens Capacity with Quality Management Course

IIPHG's QUALIPS successfully concluded its Online Certificate Course on Quality Management for Healthcare Professionals. The course equips professionals with essential skills to implement and sustain quality improvements across healthcare institutions.



New Milestones and Future Directions in HLEP



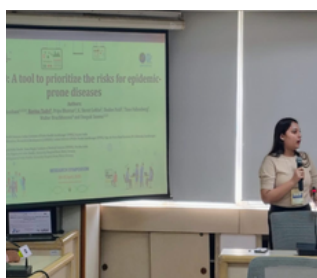
IIPHG proudly shares progress on the Healthcare Leadership Enhancement Program (HLEP), designed to build leadership in public health and medical services. With three successful batches completed, the 4th batch begins on 14th July 2025, welcoming 56 professionals. A documentation effort is capturing alumni success stories in service delivery, resource management, and leadership, supported by field visits to hospitals in Lunawada, Ahmedabad, Rajkot, and Gandhinagar.

IIPHG at PHFI 8th Research Symposium 2025

Dr. S. Yasobant from IIPHG presented a six-step framework to strengthen One Health Surveillance Systems at the PHFI 8th Research Symposium 2025 in Delhi. In a session on pandemic preparedness, he highlighted the need for integrated, multisectoral approaches. His model offers practical steps for building scalable, coordinated systems with strong governance—supporting effective implementation of One Health principles.



IIPHG Presents OHRAD Tool for Epidemic Risk Assessment



Dr. Ravina Tadvī from IIPHG at the PHFI 8th Research Symposium 2025 introduced the One Health Risk and Disease (OHRAD) Tool—an MCDA- and AHP-based framework for assessing epidemic risks and prioritizing diseases.

The tool supports context-specific evaluation, cross-sector stakeholder engagement, and data-driven decision-making, helping health systems better anticipate and respond to emerging public health threats.

IIPHG Raises Climate Awareness Among School Students

IIPHG conducted an interactive session on “Climate Change and Heat” at Apollo International School, Ahmedabad, on April 25, 2025. Led by Dr. Priya Bhavsar and Dr. Shailee Patil, the session engaged students from grades 6 to 10, simplifying climate science and its heat-related impacts.



Highlights

IIPHG Contributes to Climate Change Education Consultation



IIPHG participated in the Gujarat State-level Stakeholders' Consultation on Climate Change Education on April 25, 2025, at UNICEF, Gandhinagar. Represented by Dr. Shailee Patil and Dr. Priya Bhavsar, the institute contributed to discussions on developing NEP 2020-aligned teaching resources, supporting a future-ready and climate-conscious education system.

IIPHG Highlights Heat Risks for Workers at CREDAI Dialogue

IIPHG, represented by Dr. Sandul Yasobant, led a session on “Heat and Health for Construction Workers” at the Tripartite Dialogue organised by CREDAI on April 28, 2025, in Ahmedabad. Marking International Workers' Memorial Day, the event addressed rising heat stress risks for migrant and daily-wage labourers and called for joint action by government, industry, and civil society to ensure safer, healthier workplaces.



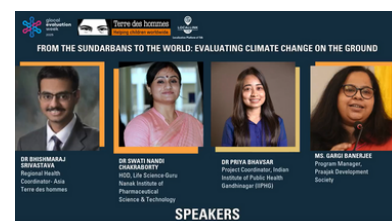
IIPHG Supports Launch of Varanasi's First Heat Action Plan



IIPHG, led by Director Dr. Deepak B. Saxena, played a key role in launching Varanasi's first Heat Action Plan (HAP) on May 16, 2025. Developed with Varanasi Nagar Nigam, NRDC India, Mahila Housing Trust, and the Health Department, the HAP is an inclusive strategy to boost climate resilience and public health. IIPHG experts Dr. Yamini Saini, Dr. Sandul Yasobant, and Dr. Anish Sinha were instrumental in shaping the plan—setting a model for urban heat preparedness.

IIPHG Joins Global Evaluation Week 2025 on Climate & Health

IIPHG participated in Glocal Evaluation Week 2025 through a panel discussion titled “From the Sundarbans to the World: Evaluating Climate Change on the Ground,” hosted by Terre des hommes – India. Dr. Priya Bhavsar, Project Coordinator at IIPHG, shared field insights on public health and climate resilience, highlighting the need for community engagement and evidence-based strategies in climate-vulnerable regions like the Sundarbans.



IIPHG Strengthens Global Climate-Health Efforts through REFLECT Mexico Visit



IIPHG continued its global health efforts through a REFLECT project field visit to Hermosillo, Mexico, from May 25 to June 6, 2025. Led by Dr. Yasobant Sandul, the team supported climate-health interventions and engaged with local health authorities, fostering cross-country learning and collaboration. IIPHG thanks partners Aditi Bunker, Jose Antonio Hoyo Montaña, and Noah Bunkley for their support.

Highlights

IIPHG Launches India's First Summer One Health School Program



IIPHG celebrated its 10th Foundation Day with the launch of the Summer One Health School Program 2025—India's first of its kind. Developed by OHNI and COHERD at IIPHG with support from Chevron and SEAHOON, the program will train 50 students from 10 institutions as One Health Ambassadors to mentor 2,500 peers across public health, veterinary, environmental, and agricultural fields. Inaugurated by Chief Guest Shri S.J. Haider, IAS, the initiative marks a key step in advancing integrated health leadership.

IIPHG Hosts Workshop on Green and Climate Resilient Healthcare Facilities

IIPHG, through COHERD, hosted a two-day workshop on Green and Climate Resilient Healthcare Facilities (June 12–13, 2025) in collaboration with UNICEF and Gujarat's Health Department. The event featured expert sessions, case sharing, and discussions, advancing efforts toward climate-resilient health systems in the state.



Student's Corner

IIPHG Students Win 2nd Place Globally at Team Up for Climate 2025



IIPHG celebrates the success of MPH students Dr. Prayukta Sinha, Dr. Subhashree Panda, and Dr. Aashita Pargal (2024–26), who secured 2nd place at the Team Up for Climate 2025 competition in Paris. Their project Sustain Aqua stood out among 283 teams globally, earning them €750 each, expert coaching, and a conditional €4,000 grant—highlighting IIPHG's role in climate innovation.

Celebrating Student's Success !





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Letter to the Editor

Strengthening tuberculosis control: addressing gaps in screening, diagnosis, and funding

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

The struggle of preserving self-esteem and professional identity: A grounded theory study of specialists' experiences serving in the public health system in Rajasthan, India

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Development of the Indian Telemedicine Assessment Scale

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Research

Building climate resilient healthcare systems through interventions in Gujarat India

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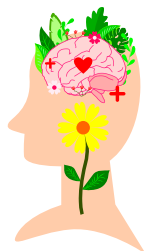
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