

Report of International Symposium on “Adapting to the Evolving COVID-19 Landscape: New Variants & Strategies”

Venue: B. C. Roy Auditorium, HIMS, SRHU

Participants: 119 Faculties & 54 Students

Total Participants: 173

The Himalayan College of Nursing, SRHU, organized one day International Symposium (Hybrid Mode) on July 9, 2025, titled "Adapting to the Evolving COVID-19 Landscape: New Variants & Strategies." The event brought together professionals and experts from diverse medical disciplines and geographic regions to discuss the latest developments in COVID-19, with a particular focus on emerging variants and the evolving strategies in clinical care, public health, and communication. Coordinated by the Himalayan College of Nursing, the symposium featured esteemed speakers from national and international institutions, including representatives from microbiology, public health, telemedicine, nursing, and clinical practice, thereby offering a comprehensive perspective on the pandemic. The international symposium was inaugurated by distinguished dignitaries, including Chief Guest; Dr. Bindu Dey, Director of Research, SRHU, Dr. Sanchita Pugazhendi, Principal, HCN, SRHU; Dr. Kamli Prakash, Vice Principal and Organizing Chairperson; Dr. Kathleen, Professor of Practice, HCN, SRHU; Dr. Garima Mittal, Professor, HIMS, SRHU, Dr. Rakhee Khanduri, Professor and HOD of Pulmonary Medicine Department, HIMS, SRHU and Dr. Kanchan Bala, Associate Professor & Organizing Secretary, HCN, SRHU.

The objectives of the symposium included understanding the clinical implications of new COVID-19 variants, examining their influence on public health guidelines and infection control, identifying updated strategies for prevention and care, and promoting adaptive nursing practices in response to the ongoing threat. 54 students and 119 faculty members attended the event from various reputed colleges of Uttarakhand and other states through Hybrid Mode.

Key outcomes of the symposium included enhanced knowledge sharing through expert presentations on variants and updated treatment protocols, promotion of international collaboration through global insights—particularly from NHS England—and increased awareness of the critical role nurses play in pandemic response. Practical learning was fostered through real-life case studies and telehealth demonstrations, equipping participants with actionable tools. Pre- and post-tests assessed knowledge gains, and participant feedback reflected a high level of engagement and satisfaction with the symposium.



Pic.1. Inauguration ceremony at International Symposium by Chief Guest and Organizing Team



Pic.2. Token of appreciation to Chief Guest by Principal, HCN, SRHU



Pic.3. Organizing Team and Beneficiaries with Chief Guest

Activity Coordinator