

Title of the Event/Activity: Pre-Conference Workshop on "Nursing Communication" - PAFMATCON 2024-25

Date: 19th March 2025

Venue: Auditorium, Himalayan College of Nursing, Swami Rama Himalayan University, Dehradun

Organized By: Department of Forensic Medicine & Toxicology, Himalayan Institute of Medical Sciences (HIMS), SRHU

Overview

As part of the academic prelude to the 22nd Annual National Conference of the Punjab Academy of Forensic Medicine & Toxicology (PAFMATCON 2024–25), a dedicated workshop on "**Nursing Communication**" was held on 19th March 2025. Conducted in the auditorium of the Himalayan College of Nursing, the workshop highlighted the essential role of nursing staff in ensuring ethical, effective, and legally compliant communication in medico-legal situations, especially in sensitive cases such as sexual assault, domestic violence, and injury reporting.

Objectives

- To train nursing professionals in ethically appropriate and legally sound communication during medico-legal cases.
- To highlight the importance of documentation, informed consent, and confidentiality in clinical care with legal implications.
- To enhance interprofessional collaboration between doctors and nursing staff in handling medico-legal cases.
- To discuss real-world scenarios and communication strategies with survivors, families, and law enforcement.

Photographs: enclosed

Number of Participants: 45 professionals, including students, faculty, and practicing nurses from affiliated hospitals and institutions.

Resource Persons

- Dr. Sreenivas M, Additional Professor, Department of Forensic Medicine & Toxicology, MAMC, New Delhi
- Dr. Rajesh Kumar Sharma, Professor, Himalayan College of Nursing, SRHU, Dehradun
- Dr Sanjoy Das, Professor & Head, Department of Forensic Medicine & Toxicology, HIMS, Dehradun

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Activities Conducted

- **Interactive Lecture Sessions** on communication ethics and medico-legal importance of nursing documentation.
- **Role-play Exercises** involving communication with survivors of assault, critically ill patients, and relatives.
- **Simulation Scenarios** demonstrating coordination between nurses, doctors, and police personnel.
- **Panel Discussion** on the challenges faced by nursing staff in medico-legal settings and possible solutions.

Outcome / Achievements

- Participants gained enhanced awareness of their legal responsibilities and communication protocols in clinical settings.
- Nursing students and staff reported improved confidence in handling emotionally charged and medico-legally sensitive conversations.
- The session emphasized the critical role of nurses as the first point of contact in many medico-legal cases.
- Positive feedback was received regarding the relevance of content and engaging teaching methodology.

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