

Title of the Event/Activity: Pre-Conference Workshop on " Sexual Assault Case Management " – PAFMATCON 2024-25

Date: 18th March 2025

Venue: Simulation Lab, Swami Rama Himalayan University, Dehradun

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

Overview

As part of the 22nd Annual National Conference of the Punjab Academy of Forensic Medicine and Toxicology (PAFMATCON 2024-25), a focused pre-conference workshop on "**Sexual Assault Case Management**" was organized on 18th March 2025. The session aimed at strengthening the medico-legal competencies of healthcare professionals in the sensitive handling, examination, documentation, and legal understanding of sexual assault cases. The workshop was conducted at the Simulation Lab of SRHU using mannequins and high-fidelity simulation equipment.

Objectives

- To train participants in the proper medico-legal examination of sexual assault survivors.
- To provide hands-on experience in evidence collection, chain of custody, and report writing.
- To update participants on recent legal changes including the POCSO Act and BNS provisions.
- To promote a trauma-informed, survivor-sensitive approach in sexual assault case management.

Photographs: enclosed

Number of Participants: 36 participants including postgraduate students, faculty, and medical officers from different institutions.

Resource Persons

- Dr. Ashish Bhutte, Additional Professor, Department of Forensic Medicine, AIIMS Rishikesh
- Dr. Dilip Vaishnav, Assistant Professor, Department of Forensic Medicine, AIIMS, Rishikesh
- Dr. Pragya Tripathi, Associate Professor, Department of Forensic Medicine, HIMS, Dehradun

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Activities Conducted

- Expert Lectures on legal and ethical aspects of sexual assault cases.
- Skill Stations with live demonstrations on mannequins:
 - **Evidence Collection Techniques**
 - **Use of Standard Examination Kits**
 - **Documentation and MLR Writing**
 - **Dealing with Child Survivors and POCSO Guidelines**
- Group discussions on recent case laws and medico-legal dilemmas.
- Simulation-based roleplays on obtaining consent and communicating with survivors.

Outcome / Achievements

- Improved practical understanding of sexual assault examination protocols.
- Enhanced skills in writing structured medico-legal reports.
- Greater awareness of survivor rights and medico-legal responsibilities.
- Strengthened inter-institutional collaboration in forensic education.



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