

Himalayan College of Nursing, SRHU
Swami Rama Himalayan University
Jolly Grant, Dehradun

Title: National Conference on “Assessment & Evaluation in Nursing Education”

Date: June 30 – July 1, 2025

Mode: Hybrid (Offline & Online)

Overview: The Himalayan College of Nursing, Swami Rama Himalayan University (SRHU), successfully organized a two-day National Conference on “Assessment and Evaluation in Nursing Education” on June 30 and July 1, 2025. The event was meticulously planned and executed by the faculty and postgraduate (PG) students of the college under the supervision of Dr. Sanchita Pugazhendi, Principal & Organizing Chairperson, and Dr. Rajkumari Sylvia Devi, Professor & Organizing Secretary.

Aim & Objectives of the Conference:

The primary aim of the conference was to enhance the knowledge and competencies of nursing educators and students by offering a comprehensive overview and practical exposure of modern and evidence-based methods in assessment and evaluation.

Key themes included:

- Assessment and evaluation of knowledge, as well as clinical and practical skills
- Formative and summative assessments
- Item analysis of multiple-choice questions (MCQs)
- Viva-voce and oral assessments
- Development and use of educational portfolios
- Objective Structured Clinical/Practical Examinations (OSCE/OSPE)
- Role of Artificial Intelligence in assessment

Thus, the conference offers an excellent platform for academic enrichment, professional development, and the exchange of ideas and best practices among nursing professionals across India.

Participation:

The conference witnessed enthusiastic participation from across the country, with 98 (47 offline and 51 virtual) attendees, including M.Sc. Nursing students and faculty members from various esteemed institutions.

On day 1– June 30, 2025, of the conference 5 eminent national speakers presented talk on “Overview of Assessment and Evaluation” delivered by Dr. Reena Jairus, Professor, College of Nursing, CMC, Ludhiana, Punjab. This was followed by a session on “Formative and Summative Assessment” by Dr. Linu Sara George, Professor and Head, Department of Fundamentals of Nursing, Manipal College of Nursing, MAHE, Manipal, Karnataka. “Assessment of Knowledge” was dealt by Prof. Upama De, Principal, College of Nursing, Tata Main Hospital, Bistupur, Jharkhand. It was followed by a session on “Item Analysis” delivered by Dr. Lekha Viswanath, Professor and Principal, Amrita College of Nursing, Faridabad,

Haryana. “Oral Examination/Viva-Voce” was delivered by Dr. Radha K., Professor and Principal, SGPGI College of Nursing, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, and a session on “Development of Portfolio” by Dr. Anuradha Kusum, Professor and Vice Principal (UG), HIMS, SRHU, Dehradun.



Pic 1: Inaugural Ceremony



Pic 2: Group photo with participants



Pic 3: Session in progress



Pic 4: Session in progress



Pic 5: Award for best poster presentation

The inaugural ceremony of the conference was graced by Dr. Vijendra D. Chauhan, Director General of Academic Development, Swami Rama Himalayan University, as the Chief Guest. Dr. Sanchita Pugazhendi, Principal, Himalayan College of Nursing, SRHU and Organizing Chairperson, formally welcomed the gathering and set the tone for the event.

The Chief Guest, Dr. Vijendra D. Chauhan, addressed the gathering, sharing insightful thoughts, motivational reflections, and valuable experiences. The Chairperson also commended the organizing team for their dedicated efforts in successfully executing the National Conference.

On Day 2 of the conference, scientific session on “Breast Health: Core of Women’s Health and Wellbeing” was delivered by Dr. Rakesh Kumar, International Endowed Chair Professor, HIMS, SRHU, and Founder & CEO of the Breast Cancer in Young Women Foundation, Denver, USA.

This was followed by a session on “Clinical Evaluation” by Dr. Kamli Prakash, Professor and Vice Principal, Himalayan College of Nursing, SRHU, and a lecture on “Objective Structured Clinical/Practical Examination (OSCE/OSPE)” by Dr. Juhi Kalra, Professor, Department of Pharmacology, HIMS, SRHU. Dr. Anupama Mishra, Professor, School of Science & Technology, SRHU, delivered an insightful session on “The Role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Educational Assessment and Evaluation”.

The conference concluded with a valedictory session which was graced by Dr. Kathleen M. McKeehan, Nursing Advisor and Professor of Practice, SRHU. She commended the quality, depth, and relevance of the sessions, acknowledging their significant contribution to nursing education and professional development.

As part of the conference, a poster competition was also conducted, which witnessed enthusiastic participation from delegates. The posters were evaluated by a panel of three judges from different institutions, and the top three entries were selected for awards, which was formally conferred by the Hon’ble Chief Guest.

Outcome/Achievement:

The National Conference successfully achieved its goals of creating a robust academic environment and fostering collaborative learning. The event provided valuable insights and practical exposure to modern assessment tools in nursing education, significantly benefitting both educators and students.

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