

3T IBHSc Course in Bioethics at Adesh University, Bathinda

The Valedictory Function **on the occasion of setting up of a unit of The UNESCO Chair in Bioethics Haifa at the Adesh University, Bathinda** was held on conclusion of the **3 Day Course 3T IBHSc on 7th March 2018**. Col Jagdev Singh, (Retd) Registrar, Adesh University and recently appointed member of the Bioethics Unit of the International Network of the UNESCO chair in Bioethics presided over the function and delivered the valedictory address.

The International Course was conducted by Accredited UNESCO Trained Faculty in order to train the faculty at Adesh University in Bioethics. Seventy delegates from various constituent institutions of the Adesh University participated in the proceedings.

On day one Prof. Russel D' Souza, Course Director from Australia and the Head of the Asia Pacific Region in Bioethics very nicely introduced the objectives of the Bioethics course and briefly touched its historical background, particularly how the bioethical principles were laid down and agreed upon by 191 nations. The intricate issue of autonomy and consent of patient and constitution of the Clinical Ethical Committee were elaborated by Dr. Parveen Arora and Dr. Mini Jacob. Day 2 began with the elaborations on human dignity and human rights by Dr. Mini Jacob. The issues of privacy and confidentiality were very nicely explained by Drs. Parveen Arora and Prema D'Cunha. The importance of understanding basic principles of communication with patients were nicely elaborated by Drs. Princi Palatty, Mini Jacob and Parveen Arora.

Day 3 has been devoted to highlight the concepts in understanding environmental values and issues including the societal actions and policies to protect and sustain biodiversity and ecosystems. It was interesting to know about Case Based Learning and Teaching and its benefits over the conventional lecture based classroom teaching elaborated by Drs. Princy Platty and Prema D' Cunha. Elaborations on Novel techniques of assessment like Simulated Teaching Assessment specially the micro teaching session focusing on delivery methodology was really interesting.

In his valedictory address, the Registrar congratulated the delegates who took active part in the deliberations during the 3 day programme. He also complimented and expressed his special appreciation of the esteemed UNESCO accredited training faculty under the stewardship of Dr Russel D Souza, Course. He emphasized the implicit need of the hour to seek and respond to emerging challenges. He further expressed his confidence that the training in identifying cognitive biases during the course would serve the participant well and enable them to take timely and positive action oriented decisions in their position as medical resource persons to carry the message forward. To achieve this, he considered it essential that in one's area of specialisation, one must keep abreast of the developments of related issues, participate in decision making and indeed, must work in close coordination with all other organs of the state involved in ensuring ethical handling of cases.

The workshop which was recognized by Punjab Medical Council by assigning 12 credit hours in view of its need in present day scenario is a major milestone in the academic annals of Adesh University.