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IIHMR New Delhi , works with a mission of improving standards of health through better management of health care and related programmes prepares students for managerial positions with a focus on national and international health care management.

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

I am happy to announce launch of "Synapse" monthly e-health newsletter for the benefit of Health Managers who may like to update themselves on various recent managerial issues of the world. The initiative is result of efforts of PGDHM students of our Institute under guidance of Dr. Sandeep Bhalla, Associate Professor of IIHMR, New Delhi and I compliment them for the efforts to bring out "Synapse". We would bring it regularly in first week of every month and would also be endorsing book review done by the students from the next month.

Please do let us have feedback to improve it in future and should you not like to have it in your mail box, please do intimate so that your e-mail id can be deleted from mailing list.

In case you wish to include any information of your Organization please do intimate us for our necessary action.

Happy Reading

Surgeon Rear Admiral (Retd.)
V. K Singh, VSM,

Director

IIHMR, New Delhi

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HEALTH AND HOSPITAL INSIGHT OF THE MONTH

• NARAYANA HRUDAYALAYA PLANS HEALTH CITY IN MEXICO

Dr. Devi Shetty, eminent cardiologist, chairman NH group of hospitals announced the setting up of a health city-multispeciality hospital with research facilities in Mexico that will also cater patients.

(<http://indolac.wordpress.com/2008/11/12/narayana-hrudayalaya-plans-health-city-in-mexico/>)

• FORTIS PICKS UP 58% STAKE IN MAURITIUS HOSPITAL

Fortis Healthcare is investing 3.5\$ million for picking up a 58% stake in a hospital in Mauritius. It has tied up with diversified industrial group, CIEL to acquire a controlling stake in Clinique Darne, now rechristened Fortis Clinique Darne. These efforts are directed to become the hub for medical tourism in Mauritius.

(http://www1.timesofindia.indiatimes.com/India_Business/Fortis_picks_up_59_in_Mauritius_hospital/articleshow/4049276.cms)

• ESIC (Employee's state insurance corporation) TO SETUP MEDICAL COLLEGE IN MUMBAI

As India is facing a serious crisis of doctors (6 lakh) and nurses (10 lakh) [according to planning commission report], ESIC makes a foray in medical education, to prepare quality health care professionals, by opening a government medical college this year. The medical college will have a 300 bedded attached hospital in Mulund.

(http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/Mumbai/ESIC_to_set_up_med_college_in_city/articleshow/3520080.cms)

• ANIL AMBANI OPENS SECOND LARGEST PRIVATE HOSPITAL IN MUMBAI

Anil Ambani launches a 730 bedded super speciality private hospital on 26th Jan, Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital in the 2nd largest private hospital in Mumbai. (<http://www.expressindia.com/latest-news/Kokilaben-Hospital-opens-in-Andheri/415955/>)

• WORLD BANK ANNOUNCES USD 520 million MALARIA PROJECT FOR INDIA.

Over 100 million people in India will be provided prevention services and treatment, funded by World Bank, scheme designed by Indian government, UN, WHO to fight AIDS, TB and Malaria. This USD 520m scheme, is the largest of such project by the international body in any country.

(<http://www.ehealthonline.org/news/news-details.asp?News=World-Bank-announces-USD-520-m-Malaria-project-for-India&NewsID=15286>)

• ASIAN HIV/AIDS DATABASE LAUNCHED

A new UN backed website is launched providing details of HIV/AIDS prevalence in 25 Asian countries, ranging from Vietnam to Afghanistan. It's a hub of information on HIV/AIDS, major resources of disease for researchers, health care providers and government officials.

(http://www.ehealthurope.net/news/4375/asian_hiv/aids_database_launched)

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

1. Conference on "The Crisis of Neo- liberalism in India: Challenges and Alternatives"

Date: 13 – 15 March 2009

Venue:
Tata Institute of Social
Sciences,
P.O. Box 8313, Deonar, Mumbai
400 088.

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2. Health Equity and Quality

Date: 7-8 March 2009

Venue: IASSH, Pondichery

Web: www.ponduni.edu.in

3. Conference :International Conference on "Gender-Based Violence and Sexual Reproductive Health"

Date: 15-18 February 2009

Venue: Mumbai, India

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"INTERESTING FACTS"

1. Higher Blood Sugar Could Impair Thinking

(http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/news/fullstory_74355.html)

2. Obesity common in women at risk of breast cancer

(http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/news/fullstory_74168.html)

3. "Dr.SMS" avails you information on the nearest healthcare facility anytime of the day.

(<http://www.ehealthonline.org/news/news-details.asp?News=SMS-for-the-nearest-healthcare-facility-in-India&NewsID=15732>)

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● INDIAN RAILWAYS TO EXPAND TELEMEDICINE NETWORK.

Indian railways decided to expand telemedicine network by adding 20 more places in Maharashtra, Jharkhand, Orissa, Karnataka, and Goa.

(<http://www.ehealthonline.org/news/news-details.asp?News=Indian-Railways-to-expand-telemedicine-network&NewsID=15581>)

● SALMONELLA OUTBREAK SICKENS 388 PEOPLE IN 42 STATE OF US.

Food tainted with the bacteria salmonella has caused an outbreak of food poisoning, making 388 people sick and sending about 70 of them to the hospital, U.S. health officials reported. Although jarred peanut butter sold in grocery stores is not thought to be involved, other items containing peanut butter such as cookies, crackers, cereal, and ice cream may be. The outbreak has affected people in 42 states. The U.S. Centres for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta is working with state health authorities, the Food and Drug Administration and the U.S. Department of Agriculture to identify the source and track the outbreak.

(<http://in.ibtimes.com/articles/20090108/outbreak-salmonella.html>)

● INDIA BANS CHINESE TOYS DUE TO HEALTH HAZARDS

India slapped a ban on import of toys from China after cheap supplies from the neighbouring country upset the appellation of the domestic manufacturers. The ban, notified by the Directorate General of Foreign Trade, will remain valid for six months. A concern had also been raised over the safety of children playing with the Chinese toys, which were found to be toxic.

(<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/articleshow/4024487.cms>)

RECENT RESEARCHES

● AUTISM CAN BE DETECTED IN WOMB

Scientists at Cambridge University discovered that high levels of testosterone in the amniotic fluid of pregnant mothers were linked to autistic traits in their children. This research raises possibility of prenatal screening for autism by potentially identifying the condition in unborn

babies. (http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/Health_Science/Autism_can_be_detected_in_womb/articleshow/3970196.cms)

● ARTIFICIAL GOOD CHOLESTROL :HDL

U.S. scientists have devised an artificial form of high-density lipoprotein, or "good" cholesterol, made from a gold nanoparticle wrapped in fat molecules called lipids and a layer of protein. Designed to increase HDL while trapping low-density lipoprotein, or "bad" cholesterol, which can cause strokes and other heart conditions.

(<http://www.smartbrief.com/news/bio/storyDetails.jsp?issueid=9CBoFE01-6487-4971-8A42-0624780946B6©id=3103047A-6516-4893-9B96-A9D7086678D0>)

EVENTS AT IIHMR, NEW DELHI

COURSES

1. Online Course Of Certificate In Project Management

(Visit: www.iihmrdelhi.org)

2. Forthcoming events:

- 1st combined advanced Diploma in PHARMACOVIGILANCE AND CLINICAL RESEARCH. (Web: www.empower.net.in, venue : IIHMR, New Delhi)
- Post graduate diploma in health and hospital management, 2009-11 (will be shortly advertised in newspapers and on our website : www.iihmrdelhi.org)

3. Management development programmes

(Venue: IIHMR, New Delhi, Visit: www.iihmrdelhi.org)

- Data Analytics for Health Research professionals- 16 to 18 Feb 09
- Open source Data Base Management System for Healthcare -23 to 27 Feb 09

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