

The Institute is celebrating 21st Years of Foundation of Sanjay Gandhi Postgraduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Telemedicine Programme in the year 2021. On this special occasion, the School of Telemedicine and Biomedical Informatics has been involved in organizing various scientific and promotional events throughout the year. Incidentally the Telemedicine Society of India, a not-for-profit scientific NGO was also launched in SGPGI Campus during the first National Conference of Telemedicine held in April 2001. So, to celebrate the 20th year of formation of Telemedicine Society of India (TSI), 17th Annual International Conference on Telemedicine & Digital Health is being organized by the School of Telemedicine & Biomedical Informatics on **12-14 November 2021** in **HYBRID mode**. Details about the SGPGI Telemedicine Programme, Telemedicine Society of India and the Conference can be accessed at following URLs – www.sgpgitelemedicine.org, www.tsi.org.in & www.telemedicon.com respectively. The theme of Conference is “**Telehealth Trends in 21st Century**”. The conference is going to dedicate one day for Continuing Professional Education through lectures, workshops and Interactive panels. The Scientific Programme consists of 02 Key Note Lectures, 15 International Invited Lectures, 10 Symposia, Three PANELS and 09 Free paper sessions having 54 slots for oral presentations. Besides there are three Poster Presentation Sessions covering 18 posters and 04 Industry presentations highlighting technical solutions for telemedicine & digital health. Best Oral and Poster presentations will be awarded and CME Points for all attendees will be provided as per U.P. Medical Council regulations. Besides, TWO Free paper sessions are being dedicated to presentations focused on Tele-care and Tele-education practices undertaken during COVID-19 Pandemic. Leading Medical Educational Institutions and Hospitals are being invited to present their Telemedicine Practices during COVID-19 Pandemic and best Three solutions will be suitably rewarded.

As per Government of U.P. COVID-19 norms the physical participation has been restricted to 100 only and around 900 registrations from the country and overseas is expected to participate virtually. Role of Telemedicine & Digital Technologies in healthcare delivery, education and skill development and health governance during COVID – 19 pandemic has been realized by one and all involved in healthcare system. There is need to develop telemedicine infrastructure at each medical facilities starting from sub-centers up wards in a systematic manner and the digital technologies need to be adopted in health

system. This conference is going to highlight many case studies to stress upon the above said philosophy.

The conference inauguration ceremony is proposed to be organized physically on **November 13, 2021 from 4.00 – 5.00 PM.** Prof. R.K. Dhiman, Director, SGPGIMS Lucknow, will be the Chief Guest for inauguration of the ceremony. Dr. ArvindRajvanshi, Executive Director, AIIMS Raebareli, will deliver a Key Note address. A copy of the inauguration programme is enclosed for ready reference. On the last day of the Conference a Valedictory Function is proposed to be organized, besides the in-house dignitaries, ShriAlok Kumar, Principal Secretary Medical Education, Govt. of UP will be the chief guest of Valedictory Function.

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