



Union MoS for Health and Family Welfare, Shri Prataprao Jadhav Presides over the 49th Annual Day Celebration of the National Institute of Health and Family Welfare

Role of NIHFW in Building Skilled Health Professionals and Supporting National Health Programmes Highlighted

India Expanding Digital Health Infrastructure, Strengthening Health & Wellness Centres, Scaling Up Immunization and Enhancing Disease Surveillance: Shri Jadhav

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The National Institute of Health and Family Welfare (NIHFW), an autonomous institute under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, celebrated its 49th Annual Day today at the NIHFW Auditorium in Munirka, New Delhi. Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, and Ministry of Ayush (Independent Charge), Shri Prataprao Jadhav presided over the celebrations as the chief guest. The Director General of Health Services (DGHS), Dr. Sunita Sharma also attended the event as the Guest of Honour. The event highlighted the institute's contributions to strengthening public health systems, capacity building, and research in health and family welfare.



Addressing the gathering, Shri Prataprao Jadhav emphasized the importance of strengthening public health institutions and highlighted the role of NIHFW in building skilled health professionals and supporting national health programmes. Shri Jadhav underlined that “we are expanding the digital health infrastructure under the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission. We are strengthening primary health services through Health and Wellness Centres. We are also expanding immunization efforts, introducing new vaccines, and making disease surveillance systems more effective.”

Dr. Sunita Sharma also appreciated the institute’s continued contribution to public health research, training, and policy support for the Government of India. She stated that the institute has played an important role in strengthening the capacity of India’s health workforce and in the effective implementation of national health programmes.



In his address and presentation of the Annual Report, Dr. Sunil Vilasrao Gitte, Director, NIHF, highlighted the Institute's key achievements over the past year, including advancements in public health training, research initiatives, and collaborations aimed at strengthening the country's health systems.

During the event, the institute's annual publications, "Dharna", the HPPI Journal, and "Prospects of Placement Cell", were formally released by the dignitaries. Awards were also presented to outstanding employees, students, and sports achievers in recognition of their dedication and excellence.



The celebration also featured cultural performances by students, reflecting the vibrant academic environment of the institute. The programme concluded with a Vote of Thanks followed by the National Anthem.

The Annual Day celebration reaffirmed NIHFW's commitment to advancing public health education, research, and policy support, with the aim of improving healthcare delivery and population health across the country. Dean of the Institute, Prof. V. K. Tiwari, delivered the vote of thanks to all the distinguished guests and attendees.

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