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Executive Summary of 22nd Annual State Conference of Medicolegal Association of Maharashtra (MLAM): Pravara Forensicon 2019

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Abstract

The twenty-second State annual chapter of Medicolegal Association of Maharashtra (MLAM) was being hosted by the Department of Forensic Medicine, Rural Medical College, Pravara Institute of Medical sciences, Loni, Ahmednagar, Maharashtra on 12th & 13th October 2019. The main theme of conference was to inculcate and to concoct Competency Based Medical Education (CBME) in Forensic Medicine & Toxicology. Around 200 delegates and invitees with expertise in various field attended the conference. The conference Inaugurated in the hands of Dr G Pradeep Kumar Vice Chancellor, SDU University Kolar, Karnataka at Sindhu Hall of Padmabhushan Dr. Balasaheb Vikhe Patil Lecture Hall Complex. The Souvenir & MLAM official Journal- Journal of Forensic Medicine Science & Law were released at the same time. Various guest lectures on CBME curriculum, clinical Forensic Medicine, Tele-evidence, laws related to medical practice & E-documentation were delivered by eminent experts. On day two oral & poster presentations were done by faculty & Postgraduate students.

1. Introduction

The "22nd Annual State Conference of Medicolegal Association of Maharashtra (MLAM) 'PRAVARA FORENSICON 2019', had been held on 12th & 13th October 2019; and was organized by Department of Forensic Medicine & Toxicology, Rural Medical College of Pravara Institute of Medical Sciences (Deemed to be University) Loni; India under the aegis of Medicolegal Association of Maharashtra (MLAM).

Objectives of this Conference was to inculcate and to concoct Competency Based Medical Education (CBME) in Forensic Medicine & Toxicology and to know the Horizon of Medicolegal Solutions in Cases of Conflicts between Law & Medicine further to practice advanced Medico-legal services with updated knowledge and professional medical care

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with the use of recent advances in the field.

The conference was hosted by Pravara Institute of Medical Sciences (Deemed to be University) under the eminent leadership of Hon. Pro-chancellor Dr. Rajendra Vikhe Patil sir.

The conference had over 158 delegates registered from states. Delegates, Post graduate

students & researchers from various parts of the country attended the conference. On October 12, between 09.30 to 10.30 am Grand Inauguration Ceremony was held at Sindhu Hall of Padmabhushan Dr. Balasaheb Vikhe Patil Lecture Hall Complex. The release of Souvenir & MLAM's official journal also took place during the ceremony.



Photograph no. 1: Hon'ble Dr. Y M Jayaraj – PIMS DU's Vice Chancellor addressing the conference, 12.10.19.

The conference has declared open by Dr. Shailesh Mohite, President, Medico-legal Association of Maharashtra (MLAM). Dr. G Pradeep Kumar, Vice Chancellor, SDU University Kolar, Karnataka was the Chief Guest. Dr. Shailesh Mohite and Dr. Rajesh Dere President and Secretary of MLAM respectively were the Guests of Honours. The Inauguration Ceremony was presided by Dr. Y. M. Jayaraj, Vice chancellor of PIMS DU, Loni. Organizing President AVM (Retd) Dr. Rajvir Bhalwar – Dean RMC presented the welcome address. Shri Panjabrao Aher- the Executive Director of PMT was among the eminent guest on the Dias. Organizing Secretary Dr. Mohan Pawar – Professor & Head of Forensic Medicine department read the vote of thanks on behalf of the organizing committee.

The scientific sessions were carefully crafted and an innovative holistic Interactive

approach was employed whereby speakers, students and the faculty shared the same session. There were 19 speakers' presentations which included 3 keynote addresses & the lectures.

Sessions conducted on 12th October were as follows- Keynote Address on Skills & Competencies towards clinical Forensics Medicine Resource Person: Dr G Pradeep Kumar, Strategies for Implementing of Competency Based Medical Education in Toxicology, Resource Person: Dr V V Pillay; Enhancing the Competencies of budding doctors for depositing an evidence by Video Conferencing Resource Person: Dr Anil Agarwal; Viscera & Sample Preservation in Medicolegal Cases, Resource Person: Dr Krishna Kulkarni; Applicability of Forensic Science Advancements nanoforensics in Clinical Forensics. Resource Person: Dr R C Dere; Opportunities of consultancy &

Private practice for Forensic Expert. Resource Person: Dr Anil Agarwal; Sample Preservation protocol, Procedures and Challenges in medicolegal

Cases. **Panelist:** Dr S C Mohite, Dr S M Patil Dr Krishna Kulkarni.



Photograph no. 2: Release of the MLAM's Journal by the dignitaries at the conference, 12.10.19.



Photograph no. 3: Felicitation of Dr. V V Pillay at the hands of MLAM's President Dr. Shailesh Mohite & Organizing President AVM (Retd) Dr. Rajvir Bhalwar – Dean RMC Loni, after keynote address, 12.10.19.

On 13th October, various sessions were conducted as follows- The guidelines of POCSO overlooked by the Practitioners Resource Person: Dr S C Mohite; E- documentation & its status Medical Negligence. Resource Person: Dr. A V Patil; Legal liabilities of telephonic & e-consultations Resource Person: Dr. R.S. Bangal; Postmortem retrieval of sperms Resource Person: Dr. R.V. Bardale; Panel Discussions on 1) Grey areas of conflicts between Law & medicine 2) Practitioners' Medicolegal issues; **Panelist:** Retd. Justice S S Patil, Dr A T Barkul, Dr S M Patil, Dr Ashok Nandapurkar & Dr Ravindra Deokar and Moderator Dr Mohan pawar. The various topics were discussed at large during their presentations in this conference.

A total of 20 scientific presentations in the form of oral/poster were made by the student and

faculty delegates. The high quality of the research was well appreciated by all the attendees.

The conference also hosted a marvelous banquet to enable the delegates to interact with

the eminent academicians and researchers. The participants were entertained by a well known Orchestra of Maharashtra- '*Mumbai Melody*' from Mumbai.



Photograph no. 4: Former Justice Hon'ble Shri. S S Patil felicitating the awardee for their best presentation, at valedictory function, 13.10.19. Link for all conference photographs- <https://photos.app.goo.gl/7NwDzcWrudKMD5C78>



Photograph no. 4: Dignitaries & Faculty at the valedictory function, 13.10.19.

The grandeur of the venue and the gastronomic delighted menu left the attendees spell bound. This gave the delegates a much needed chance to unwind and interact in an informal setting.

The two-day extravaganza came to an end with the valedictory function. Former justice Hon'ble Shri. S. S. Patil of Mumbai High Court (Aurangabad Bench) was the chief guest for the valedictory function. He enlightened the audience about the importance of newer aspect of modern Medical Jurisprudence. He also gave away the

awards for the best scientific presentations at the conference. The first lady in Forensic Medicine Dr. Vasudha Apate, Founder President and Secretary of Medicolegal Association of Maharashtra was also present for valedictory function.

The conference helped all of us to put forth novel solutions for complex Medico-legal Problems. It ignited young minds and enabled Forensic Experts & other delegates to get exposed to newer practices in Forensic Fields.

The conference was hailed as one of the land mark Academic meeting at the Pravara family.



Photograph no. 5: Dignitaries & Organizing committee at the valedictory function, 13.10.19.

Concluding Remarks:

The detail discussions on contents, implementation & fruitful outcomes of Competence Based Medical Education (CBME) in Forensic Medicine & Toxicology was accomplished. It was solidly accepted by the august gathering that CBME is going to yield better IMGs.

It was felt that there is a need of formulating & updating time to time clear cut guidelines to be issued by Forensic Science

Laboratories for receiving various samples for analysis purpose. It was agreed that the further effective Forensic Services are possible with the assistance of an advancement of the Medical & Forensic specialties.

It was observed that, the Medical personnel faced many ground reality problems to attain & to depose their evidence in Court of Law. There are many areas of this front to be represented before the Judiciary.