

64TH ANNUAL STATE CONFERENCE OF INDIAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION West Bengal State Branch & East Zone Public Health Conclave 3rd & 4th May 2025

The 64th Annual State Conference of the Indian Public Health Association (IPHA) West Bengal State Branch and the East Zone Public Health Conclave was held on May 3rd and 4th, 2025, at Stadel Hotel, Salt Lake, Kolkata. Over 300 public health professionals from across the state attended the conference as delegates, including postgraduate students from various medical institutions.

The conference featured numerous scientific sessions, including orations, plenary discussions, oral and poster paper presentations. Prof. Dr. Anand Krishnan, Professor and Head of the WHOCC, Community Medicine, AIIMS, New Delhi, delivered the Dr. S.C. Seal Memorial Oration. Dr. Sanjoy Ghosh, Professor at Santiniketan Medical College, delivered the Dr. Dharmendra Memorial Oration during the conference.

Scientific sessions were supported by organizations such as WBSAPCS, ICMR-NITM, Belgavi, Apollo Multispecialty Hospital, WB State TB Cell, Emcure, USV, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Cancer Hospital, Alatheia Biotech, and GSK. Sessions covered key topics like elimination of HIV, Syphilis, and Hepatitis B, Integrative Medicine, NCDs, Tuberculosis Management, Cancer, CSE, AI in Public Health, and many other relevant topics.



The Dr. S.P. Mukhopadhyay Lifetime Achievement Award was conferred upon Dr. Sujit Kumar Bhattacharya, Senior Consultant and HOD, Department of Internal Medicine, Bengal Faith Hospital, and Former Additional Director-General, ICMR, for his unparalleled contribution to the field of Public Health.

This year, the IPHA WB Branch awarded the Dr. Dilip Mahalanabis Memorial Research Grant to two selected articles, each receiving Rs. 10,000/-. The inauguration



of the conference was held in the presence of Dr. Swapan Saren, Director of Health Services, West Bengal; Prof. (Dr.) Mukul Bhattacharyya, Vice-Chancellor, West Bengal University of Health Sciences; Dr. Sanghamitra Ghosh, President- IPHA, Dr. Kaushik Mitra, Secretary General- IPHA; Dr. Surajit Ghosh, President – IPHA WB state branch, Dr. Mausumi Basu, Secretary - IPHA WB state branch; and other committee members and frontliners.



A total of 25 abstracts were selected for oral presentation, and 17 were selected for poster presentation. Additionally, 15 undergraduate students were nominated for poster presentation under the UG category.

On the second day, the conference concluded with the Annual General Body Meeting of the West Bengal State Branch. West Bengal Medical Council has sanctioned 5 credit hours for all attendees. The conference, especially the scientific sessions, received an overwhelmingly positive response from all delegates, making it a resounding success.