

# 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on *Human Values* in Higher Education

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Khesar Gyalpo University  
of Medical Sciences  
of Bhutan, Thimphu

*Human Values in Higher Education:  
Education for Holistic Human Health*



Education for holistic human health covers all aspects of human health, including mental health (health of the self), physical health (health of the body) as well as the health of the environment (family, society and nature), which play an important role in human health.

It provides a holistic perspective on human purpose and the system for its fulfillment, of which a health system for all human beings is a part.

It also enables us to approach the major issues being faced by the medical system today, while duly appreciating the many advances in medicine, which have led to longer human life spans.

## *purpose of the conference*

- To develop the requirements for holistic, humane education
- To develop the guidelines, content and process (methodology) for imparting universal human values in higher education, particularly in health education
- To share existing practices & experiences in imparting universal human values in higher education, particularly in health education
- To discuss how further efforts can be made for implementing universal human values in higher education, particularly in health education

## *about the conference*

The international conference on human values in higher education (ICHVHE) is an annual conference aimed at developing a shared vision of holistic, human education, particularly in institutions of higher education. To start with the scope is within India and other SAARC nations. Ultimately the effort is for human education for every child, globally.

The 7th International Conference on Human Values in Higher Education is to be held 26-28 April 2018 at Khesar Gyalpo University of Medical Sciences of Bhutan, Thimphu on the theme “Education for Holistic Human Health”.

The first and second ICHVHEs were held in 2012 & 2013 at IIIT, Hyderabad. Since then the conference is being held every year. The interest, participation and specific commitments have been steadily expanding. The 3rd conference was held at IKG-PTU in Kapurthala, Punjab. The 4th ICHVHE in 2015 at GCBS, Gedu Bhutan was a gathering of 100 distinguished individuals including 23 vice chancellors and directors from 10 countries. The 5th conference was held at AGI, Rajkot in 2016. The 6th ICHVHE was held at IIT Kanpur in 2017. A special panel on Human Values in Medical Education was introduced in this conference.

## participants & format

A selected group of 100 participants are expected, particularly from **SAARC nations**. These include policy makers, health education regulators, chancellors and vice chancellors of medical universities, and persons committed to universal human values.

Delegates are encouraged to participate in the inclusive speaker-led discussions, panel discussions and sharing sessions about the core aspects of universal human values and holistic human health.

What is shared at the conference is expected to be based on actual experience. The effort being shared should have been tried in education concretely and not just be based on theoretical arguments alone. We focus on approaches that have been “experimented on a large scale” and proliferating, from one institution to another, in a natural manner.

The content should be:

- **Logical:** Possible to discuss and ask questions
- **Verifiable:** Can be verified in one’s experience; non-mystical; not a set of do’s & don’ts
- **Universal:** Applicable to all individuals, for all time, for all places
- **Humane:** Good for people and the planet
- **Scope:** Encompassing all aspects of life

## organising partners

**Khesar Gyalpo University of Medical Sciences of Bhutan**, Thimphu

**Royal University of Bhutan**, Thimphu

**Adesh University**, Bathinda

**Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Technical University**, Lucknow

**Indian Institute of Technology** (IIT BHU), Varanasi

**International Institute of Information Technology** (IIIT), Hyderabad

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## registration

There is no registration fee for the conference. Local hospitality at KGUMSB will be provided by organizers for confirmed conference participants during the conference period 25th April to 28th April. Travelling expenses are to be borne by the respective institutions / participants. Stay on additional days, or arrangements for accompanying, non-registered individuals are to be borne by respective participants.

## visa & how to reach

Letter of invitation for **visa application** will be sent after receipt of the registration form. Please check with the local Embassy of Bhutan/ consultant for visa requirements.

Accommodation is reserved at **Hotel Sambhav** located in Chubachu, Thimphu. The Campus of **KGUMSB** is on Menkhang Lam, Thimphu

**BY AIR:** Paro airport is located about 55 kms from Thimphu. Immigration is open as flights arrive. (The next nearest airport is Bagdogra)

**BY RAIL:** The nearest railway station is New Cooch Behar, India. Bhutanese Immigration at Phuentsholing is open only on weekdays 9am-5pm Bhutan time. If you choose to come via India, you must plan to reach one day ahead of the conference as immigration and travel takes time.