



Background

Public health nutrition aims to promote overall nutritional health and reduce nutrition-related illness in the population through various means, including health services, program development, and policy advocacy. Public health nutrition is one of the important components of the Sustainable Development Goals post-2015. It is the key point for SDG 2: 'Zero Hunger' and SDG 3: 'Good Health and Well-being', and essential components for achieving many of the other SDG targets.

The COVID-19 pandemic posed an unprecedented global public health crisis, and India is no exception. Due to the pandemic, millions of children have faced various health issues, endangering both their short- and long-term health and well-being. In India, poverty, poor water, sanitation and hygiene, and food insecurity remained the major threat to public health. In addition, the country has been plagued by the triple burden of malnutrition, which includes passive micronutrient deficiencies, excessive dietary energy intake that causes obesity in one section of the population, and inadequate calorie intake that causes undernutrition in another section of the population.

Though several programmes and schemes exist to address the issue of poor health and nutrition in the country, the Indian government launched the National Nutrition Mission (NNM) in 2018 with challenging goals to eradicate malnutrition. Despite this effort, public health crisis like malnutrition in several forms and food insecurity remains grim across the Indian states. Moreover, the recently published national family health survey report (2019-21) indicates that a substantially higher rate of improvement is needed to achieve the global SDG targets by 2030. Against this backdrop, the 'second Annual Conclave on Public Health Nutrition', reflecting on health and nutrition-related issues amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, will focus on pace and progress toward achieving the various targets of SDG Goal 2 "End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture" and SDG Goal 3 "Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages".

2nd National Conclave on Public Health Nutrition:

Measuring progress towards Achieving
Sustainable Development Goals

16 – 17 December 2022



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Thematic Areas

Theme 1: Public Health Nutrition: Trends and Determinants

Theme 2: Achieving SDGs on Public Health Nutrition

Theme 3: Food Security and Public Policy

Theme 4: Equity in Health and Nutrition

Theme 5: Impact of Covid-19 on Health and Nutrition

Theme 6: Climate Change and Public Health Nutrition

Theme 7: Tribal Health and Nutrition

Theme 8: Application of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning in Public Health Nutrition research

Theme 9: Methodological Challenges in addressing Public Health Nutrition Issues

Theme 10: Role of Media and Private Sector in addressing Malnutrition

Note: The conclave themes mentioned above is an indicative list and welcomes papers from across the discipline of Public Health Nutrition.

Call for Abstracts

An extended abstract of 1000-1500 words (excluding references) is invited from Academicians, Researchers, Practitioners, Policy Makers and Independent Professionals. Applicants whose abstract is selected must submit the full paper before the due date.

Abstracts and full papers should be sent electronically to the convener (Email id: phnconclave@gmail.com) with the subject 'Abstract/Full Paper for PHN Conclave 2022, NIT Rourkela'.

Guidelines for Abstract/Full paper

Participants are encouraged to adhere as closely as possible to the following guidelines:

1. Extended abstract should include (i) Introduction (ii) Data and Methods (iii) Key Findings (iv) Conclusion (v) References
2. Participants should submit full papers in MS Word format with 1.5 line spacing.
3. Please use 12-point Times New Roman.
4. Margins should be 1.5 inches on the top, bottom, and sides.
5. Paper should include a title page with each author's name and contact information.
6. The full paper should be of 6000 or fewer words (excluding tables, figures, maps and references).
7. APA style format is the preferred citation style.

Technical Advisory/Organizing Committee members will review and evaluate abstracts/full papers fairly and rigorously. Applicants who meet the selection criteria will be notified. The paper should contain new/significant contributions regarding knowledge or experience in public health nutrition.

We plan to bring out an edited volume of all the accepted papers with a reputed publisher. For this reason, only candidates who have submitted their full papers by the deadline will be invited to present.

Venue

The conclave will be held on 16th-17th December 2022 at the National Institute of Technology Rourkela, Odisha.

How to reach NIT Rourkela

Rourkela is one of the well-developed steel townships on the Kolkata-Mumbai main line of the Southeastern Railway. A railway network connects it well with the rest of Odisha. Daily AC bus service is available in almost all Northern and Central Odisha Districts. The NIT campus is about 8 km from Rourkela railway station. The nearest airports from Rourkela are Jharsuguda and Ranchi, which take around 2.5 hours and 3.5 hours, respectively.

Registration Fee

There is no registration fee for this conclave

Travel and Accommodation details

Institute will provide food and accommodation to all the participants. Depending on the availability of fund, we will reimburse travel costs to participants who claim train (AC III) or bus fares to and from Rourkela.

Important Dates

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| Date of Conclave: | 16-17 December, 2022 |
| Last Date for receipt of Abstract | 27 November, 2022 |
| Date of intimation for acceptance | 30 November, 2022 |
| Last date for Registration | 5 December 2022 |
| Last date for receipt of Full Paper | 10 December 2022 |

About the CoE-PHN

The Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, NIT Rourkela, has established a Centre of Excellence (CoE) in collaboration with UNICEF. The primary objective of the CoE is to strengthen collaboration on knowledge management for child survival and development. The Centre intends to focus on all 30 districts of Odisha.

It conducts various assessments and studies, develops policy notes, processes documentation and situational analyses, facilitates workshops/training, and engages in academic collaborations and knowledge management. The CoE is supposed to update, create, share, and use the knowledge and make it more accessible to internal and external stakeholders. The knowledge pool thus available will allow policymakers to make evidence-based decisions that can eventually lead to innovative programs and practices.

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