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Title: Public Health Innovations & Social Entrepreneurship

Date: 19.5.2025 and 20.5.2025

Organizing Department: Department of Community Medicine, SMVMCH in collaboration with Sanjeevan Palliative care Team and Institute of Palliative Medicine, WHO corroborating centre for palliative care.

Coordinator: Dr. Rajalakshmi M, Associate Professor, Department of Community Medicine

Time: 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Objectives: This session aimed to expose interns to practical, low-cost, scalable solutions addressing public health challenges and to stimulate interest in social entrepreneurship within the healthcare system. **Guest Speaker:** The Sanjeevan Palliative Care team.

Participant Details: About 50 interns participated and benefitted from the training.

Programme Overview: The Community Medicine Department, in collaboration with Sanjeevan Palliative Care, Puducherry organized a 16-hour Training Workshop on "Public Health Innovations & Social Entrepreneurship ". The sessions covered various aspects of innovative primary care models, digital health startups, frugal technologies, and youth-led health initiatives. Certificates were distributed to the interns and the program concluded with doubt-clarifying session.

Outcomes: Interns gained hands-on training to enhanced their skills in applying practical strategies to address real-world community health challenges.

Way Forward/Conclusion: Public health innovations and social entrepreneurship play a vital role in addressing complex health challenges by combining creative solutions with sustainable business models. They help improve health outcomes, promote equity, empower communities, and create long-term, scalable impacts. By fostering collaboration, leveraging technology, and focusing on prevention, these approaches contribute significantly to building healthier and more resilient societies



