

# Fifth Conference of INDIAN HEALTH ECONOMICS AND POLICY ASSOCIATION (IHEPA) HEALTH ECONOMICS AND POLICY: CURRENT ISSUES IN INDIA

INDIAN HEALTH ECONOMICS AND POLICY ASSOCIATION  
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AZIM PREMJI UNIVERSITY

organises its Fifth Conference on  
**HEALTH ECONOMICS AND POLICY: CURRENT ISSUES IN INDIA**

**Venue & Date**  
**Institute of Development Studies Kolkata**  
Salt Lake Campus, 27/D, DD Block, Sector I, Kolkata

**15 - 17 December 2016**

## Call for Papers

Indian Health Economics and Policy Association (IHEPA) invites policy relevant theoretical and empirical research papers. Major themes of the Conference are:

### Health Care Financing in India

Government of India began to address the issue in a small way since 2003. By 2008 a larger scheme of insurance based health care financing was instituted that has taken off at varying scales across the states of India. The last two years have seen major changes being brought in the scheme. The states too have come up with their own schemes for financing health to address their own issues. Papers dealing with systematic analysis of these initiatives are most welcome.

### Human Resources for Health

National Rural Health Mission was a major initiative to address issues relating to HRH that has taken various forms over the years and the success has also varied across the states of India. Recruitment, training and deployment have faced major challenges in different states and also within districts in states. Analytical papers on these issues and best practices in HRH with overall perspectives are encouraged under this theme.

### West Bengal Healthcare System: Achievements and Challenges

The last five years have seen West Bengal invest heavily in the state health system. Where have the investments been made? Have the investments offered better access to health care? What have been the outcomes? Papers addressing issues such as these could be discussed at the Conference and offer policy directions.



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## ❑ Database of the Health Systems in India

Research work on health and health care heavily depends on a few databases such as NSS and NFHS. Over the last few years other databases have become available. State budgets collated by the RBI is another source on government spending on health. There is poor understanding of these databases- discussions on what can be done with them and what should not be attempted is absent. There is often over-exploitation of a few databases to the neglect of others with poor research results. Papers with critical analysis of the databases will fill a major gap in our understanding and utilization for research.

## ❑ Other Related Issues

Papers on issues such as public health, nutrition, communicable and non-communicable diseases, relevant to the Conference themes are also solicited.

## Guidelines and format of the paper

The papers submitted will be screened by a Panel of Reviewers of IHEPA for acceptance to the Conference. Length of the paper should be less than 8,000 words, accompanied with one page **abstract**. The abstract should reflect the whole paper including context, objectives, methodology and main conclusions. The papers, formatted with 1.5 line spacing, Times Roman Font Size 12 saved under MS-Word format may be submitted electronically to [secretary.ihepa@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.ihepa@gmail.com) with Cc to [office.ihepa@gmail.com](mailto:office.ihepa@gmail.com).

## Important dates

Submission of paper Extended to 28. **10. 2016**

Communication on acceptance from IHEPA **10. 11. 2016**

Submission of revised paper, if required **25. 11. 2016**

## CONFERENCE DETAILS

Accommodation will be provided to all paper presenters at the guest houses of Institute of Development Studies, Kolkata and nearby institutions. Train fare equivalent to 3-AC (ordinary Express trains by the shortest route) would be reimbursed to the paper presenting author on actual basis on submission of tickets. IHEPA strongly recommends the authors to seek travel grant from other sources, including organizations to which they are affiliated to. Please visit [www.ihepa.in](http://www.ihepa.in) or write to [secretary.ihepa@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.ihepa@gmail.com) for more details about the Conference.

## IHEPA

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