

REPORT ON INAUGURAL CEREMONY OF THE CERTIFICATE COURSE

ON

“Evidence synthesis: Systematic review and Meta- analysis”

Public Health Evidence South Asia (PHESA) has initiated a **certificate course** on **“Evidence synthesis: Systematic review and Meta- analysis”**. The course aims for sensitizing the participants on systematic review methodology and provide detailed step-by-step guidance on how to perform a systematic review and meta-analysis. This is the first certificate course of PHESA. We had 24 registered participants for the course from various disciplines from Manipal and Mangalore.

The program was inaugurated on 3rd March 2018 at 2 pm. The chief guest of the day was **Dr. Shyamala Hande** (Deputy registrar Academics (Health Sciences) MAHE, Manipal).The other dignitaries present were **Dr. N. Sreekumaran Nair** (Professor & Head, Department of Biostatistics (Biometrics), JIPMER, Puducherry) **Dr. B Unnikrishnan** (Associate Dean, Professor of Community Medicine, Kasturba Medical College, MAHE, Mangalore) and **Dr. Suma Nair** (Professor and Head, Department of Community Medicine, Kasturba Medical College, MAHE, Manipal)

The Inauguration was followed by a session on Introduction to evidence – based practice and systematic reviews by Dr. N. Sreekumaran Nair.