

DR. SANDEEP BHALLA



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Dr. Sandeep Bhalla is a highly accomplished and experienced professional in the field of public health with a focus on implementing and managing public health programs. Dr. Bhalla is an alumnus of Armed Forces Medical College (AFMC) Pune, holding a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) degree as well as a Doctor of Medicine (MD) and Diplomate of National Board (DNB) in Community Medicine. Dr. Sandeep Bhalla possesses extensive experience of over two decades in successfully implementing and managing public health programs.

Dr. Bhalla has been awarded the Fellowship in Leadership and Implementation Sciences to address Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) in India. This prestigious fellowship was jointly delivered by the Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI), Emory University Atlanta, and the National Institute of Public Health of Mexico under a grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

Throughout his career, Dr. Bhalla has held positions at renowned institutions such as Vardhman Mahavir Medical College (VMMC), Safdarjang Hospital, National AIDS Control Organization (NACO), Department for International Development (DFID) Technical Support unit RCSHA & Indian Institute of Health Management Research (IIHMR), Delhi, and the PHFI.

Dr. Bhalla led the Training Division at PHFI, enhancing skills and knowledge of healthcare professionals through 30+ programs and workshops in India and abroad. These initiatives, conducted in over 600 centers across 121 cities in 28 states and Union Territories, benefited over 35,000 healthcare professionals. His pioneering work on diabetes care received global recognition from the International Diabetes Federation (IDF).

Dr. Bhalla has received numerous national and international awards for his outstanding contributions to public health, including recognition from esteemed organizations such as the British Medical Journal (BMJ) India Award, the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) Award for skill development, the PHD Chambers Award for Skill Development, the DL-Shah Platinum Award in the Quality sector by the Quality Council of India (QCI), the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) Healthcare Excellence Award, the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Award for Best NGO/Education, and the 5th International Health and Wellness Tourism Congress (IHFV) Award as part of a team in 2018.

Dr. Bhalla is appointed as Advisor to the Pallium India Board Advisory Committee, focusing on Education and Research. He was recently appointed as adjunct faculty at Kasturba Medical College (KMC), MAHE, Mangalore, and the Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI). Additionally, he serves as visiting faculty at IIHMR, Delhi and School of Public Health, AIIMS Jodhpur. In addition to his academic roles, he serves as a national assessor for NABH and QCI, and contributes as a member of the Health Committee at BIS. Dr. Bhalla extends advisory support to the Training Committee of AHPI and has curated the book "Future of Healthcare: Transforming with Technology," boasting over 50 publications under his name. Currently serving as Vice President-Projects ECHO India, he oversees Health and Education operations and its expansion all across country. Dr. Bhalla holds honorary advisory positions at NHM Sikkim and Nagaland, the Global Development Centre at RIS. Additionally, he serves as Honorary Advisor (Health) at the Kolkata Municipal Corporation and Honorary National Advisor-Training. Recognized for his outstanding contributions, he also acts as Honorary Advisor for NHM Arunachal Pradesh, particularly for his role in running exemplary ECHO Programs in the state. He is also advisor to MIND India which is one of the first bodies in North Eastern Region of India involved in ushering the benefits of Mental Health for all sections of the society. Through his multifaceted engagements, Dr. Bhalla demonstrates a steadfast commitment to shaping the future landscape of healthcare in India.