

## **College of Nursing hosts national conference on newborn care**

The College of Nursing hosted a national conference on 'Enhancing Excellence and Innovations in Newborn Care' on the 23rd and 24th of November, 2017. The conference was attended by 487 delegates from India and abroad.

Dr. Manju Vatsa, Principal, College of Nursing, AIIMS, New Delhi, in her Chief Guest's address, highlighted the current model of newborn care and envisioned a new direction in neonatal health. The Guest of Honour, Dr. Chellam Kirubakaran, former Head of Paediatrics, CMC Vellore, emphasised the importance of a multidisciplinary approach in achieving quality neonatal health.

The seven plenary sessions enlightened the delegates on various domains of newborn care including Golden Hour in saving newborn lives, Kangaroo mother care, appraisal of newborns, infant feeding, atraumatic and humanised care, infection control practices, breast milk banking, trends in neonatal care, birth cohort studies, quality indicators of neonatal health, the extended role of nurses, and future perspectives in neonatal nursing.

The prizes for the paper and poster presentations were distributed by Mrs. Mercy Oommen, Principal, School of Nursing, at Bissamcuttack, Orissa. Associate Director Dr. Dolly Daniel and Nursing Superintendent, Dr. Premila Lee offered their felicitations.

