Department of Forensic Medicine organized a CME on Medicolegal Update and Consumer Protection Act. The Theme of the CME was “Prevention of litigation against Clinicians” A textbook on Forensic Medicine and toxicology, authored by Dr. Gautam Biswas (Associate Professor and HOD Forensic Medicine, DMCH) was released during the inaugural ceremony. The CME has got four hours accreditation from Punjab Medical Council. More than 100 delegates participated in the CME.

Dr S.P Sharma, Civil Surgeon, Ludhiana and Sh Prem Kumar Gupta (Secretary, DMCH Managing Society) inaugurated the event by lighting a ceremonial lamp. Dr Sharma informed that the CME on Medicolegal issues was conducted in the region for the first time. Such educational programs are must for preparing the clinicians against litigation. Guest speakers from Punjab, Chandigarh and New Delhi delivered lectures on legal aspects related to medical profession.

Dr Daljit Singh (Principal-DMCH) gave an overview of various medicolegal issues related to clinicians. He informed that the DMCH has pioneered by organizing an educational program on litigation against doctors. Dr B.S.Shah (Medical Supdtt and Member
Punjab Medical council), informed all the doctors about latest Bill of ‘Prevention of violence against hospitals and nursing homes’. Mr D.R. Bhatti (Retd ADGP, Punjab) informed about the role of Police in violence against hospitals. Dr Sanjeev Uppal (Professor of Plastic Surgery, DMCH) delivered a lecture on Medicolegal aspects of burn cases.

Dr Virendar Pal Singh (Organizing Secretary) informed that “recently a distributing trend of rising litigations has been observed all over India. There is an urgent need for the doctors to realize the challenge of litigation. This one day program was an effort to educate the medical fraternity about legal duties of a doctor and to prepare them against the rising trend of litigation against doctors”.

Other speakers during the CME were Dr S.K Verma (Professor of Forensic Medicine, UCMS-New Delhi) spoke on management of a Medicolegal case and Medical Negligence. Dr R.K.Gorea (Professor of Forensic Medicine, Gian Sagar Medical College) informed about the essentials of examination of victims of trauma. Dr. B.R. Sharma (Professor and Head, GMCH-Chandigarh) spoke on Medicolegal aspects of Rape cases and Prevention of Litigation against doctors. Mr Ajay Kumar Jindal (Practicing lawyer) informed about the Overview of Consumer Protection Act.