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Welcome to the 3<sup>rd</sup> issue of MAHIMA, being released during the 3<sup>rd</sup> State Executive meeting at Solapur on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

Today marks the era of medical consumerism. Patients are becoming more actively involved in making decisions about their health. This shift is driven by greater access to information, the availability of digital tools, and increasing medical costs. Medical consumerism offers benefits such as increased patient involvement and transparency in pricing. However, it also poses risks like misinformation and misconceptions. Elderly patients, those with financial difficulties, and individuals without access to technology may find it difficult to participate fully in a consumer-driven healthcare system. Patients might bypass their primary care physicians, losing continuity of care. Additionally, the emphasis on convenience and immediate benefits can lead patients to choose lower-cost, lower-quality care.

Artificial intelligence (AI) is being integrated into daily healthcare. The advantages include enhanced diagnostics, personalised treatments, automated administrative tasks, and improved overall patient care. AI aids healthcare professionals in making more efficient and informed decisions, and making services more accessible for patients by analysing vast amounts of data.

Please find a report of MAHASPORTS (Nashik), SYNAPTIX - IMA MSN National West Zone Conclave (IMA Mumbai West, local branch activities), conferences and other events.

I sincerely thank President Dr. Santosh Kadam, State Secretary Dr. Anil Avhad, all office bearers and Managing Committee members, and office staff for their help and support. A special thank you to Dr. Sarika Lonkar for securing advertisements, making MAHIMA self-sufficient, and contributing to the IMAMS kitty. Thank you, Ms Betsy Caston (IMA MS office) and Mr. Ashok Rane (Sushria Arts).

Best wishes to the new Editorial team. May MAHIMA go from strength to strength!!

Pleasant reading!

**Dr. Ramesh Subramanian**

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Friends,

The past quarter has been one of resolute activism, unity, and purposeful leadership for IMA Maharashtra. We have raised our collective voice for justice, ethics, and the rights of every doctor in this state.

Our foremost challenge remained the MMC notification permitting registration of BHMS-CCMP doctors, equating them with allopaths. IMA Maharashtra, representing over two lakh doctors, led a historic statewide 24-hour strike on September 18, joined by 231 branches across Maharashtra. The medical fraternity stood shoulder to shoulder, ensuring that essential services continued while sending a strong message that our protest was for patient safety and the sanctity of modern medicine.

Persistent efforts bore fruit when, after a high-level meeting on September 30, Medical Education Minister Shri Hasan Mushrif assured us that no CCMP registrations would be issued until the High Court verdict. To support this legal battle, we launched a statewide fund collection drive, and members donated generously, a testament to our unity and shared purpose.

Meanwhile, IMA Maharashtra secured significant administrative victories. Through meetings with Deputy Chief Minister Shri Eknath Shinde and Minister Dada Bhuse, we achieved COU (Change of User) exemption for old nursing homes up to 2020, bringing immense relief to small hospitals. Our dialogue with Mr. Santosh Warick, Director of Maharashtra Fire Services, also led to positive discussions on easing fire safety norms for older healthcare establishments.

At Sahyadri Guest House, our delegation met Health Minister Shri Prakash Abitkar and Minister Shri Nitesh Rane, pressing for simplified hospital registration reforms, including five-year renewals, uniform fees, and relaxation in staff norms for smaller facilities. The response was constructive and encouraging.

In August, we were honoured to host RSS Leader Shri Ramlal Ji at the IMA State Office. His appreciation for IMA's role in shaping health policy and leading initiatives like Aao Gaon Chalen and Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao, was heartening.

Tragically, the suicide of a young woman doctor in Satara shook us deeply. IMA Maharashtra immediately demanded justice, stronger grievance mechanisms, and rural posting reforms. I personally led a candlelight march in Beed, and a fund drive has been initiated to support her bereaved family. We allied with other medical Associations like MAGMOA, MARD, etc. & declared state-wide agitation programs till we get Justice to Late Dr Sampada Munde.

On 2nd November, organised protest rallies in Nagpur Chh. Sambhaji Nagar & Mumbai as regional Rallies. I have also personally intervened in multiple cases of violence against doctors, ensuring swift action and relief.

As of today, just 15 days of my tenure are remaining & I am hoping to bring positive outcomes on some issues. Part of this is a crucial meeting on BNHRA Amendments on 4th November 25 with Honourable HM Shri Abitkar. Another is the final hearing on 10th November in the High Court on the BHMS CCMP Issue.

We had a successful MAHASPORTS hosted by IMA Nashik & two State conferences YUVAVON at Nagpur & EVECON at Chh Sambhaji Nagar on 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> November.



A lot of preparations are underway for holding MASTACON, the State office bearers' meeting, the 3rd Executive Committee meeting, and the Annual Council Meeting. I am hopeful that the IMA MS Constitution amendment approved in the last Executive Committee meeting will also be passed at the Annual Council meeting, which will mark my tenure as successful.

This has truly been a quarter of decisive action where IMA Maharashtra has stood tall, spoken firmly, and acted compassionately. Together, we continue our mission to safeguard our profession and serve society with dignity.

Jai Hind. Jai Maharashtra.

Long Live IMA.

Long live IMA.

**Dr. Santosh Kadam,**

President, IMA Maharashtra State.



Visit to Solapur for preparation of MASTACON and Annual Council meeting



Homage to Late Dr. Bakulesh Mehta at MAHASPORTS, Nashik



MAHASPORTS, Nashik

## FROM HON. STATE SECRETARY'S DESK



*"Progress is born when dedication meets purpose. Every activity, every stand, and every voice raised for the medical fraternity strengthens the foundation of ethical and compassionate healthcare."*

It is with this spirit of unity and commitment that I present the Secretary's Report for this quarter a reflection of our collective efforts, challenges, and achievements across IMA Maharashtra State.

Our work for this quarter commenced in August 2025, with beautiful memories of the Second State Executive Meeting held at the picturesque Chiplun. Heartfelt thanks to Dr. Abbas Jabale, President, IMA Chiplun, and his dedicated team for their sincere efforts in making the meeting truly memorable.

One of the major issues during this period was the CCMP Homeopathy matter. On 5th September 2025, the Medical Education and Drugs Department, based on legal opinions from the Law and Judiciary Department and the Advocate General, directed MMC to begin registration of CCMP-qualified homeopathic practitioners. Following this, through a circular dated 11th September 2025, MMC invited BHMS doctors with CCMP qualification to register on its official portal from 17th September 2025.

The IMA Maharashtra State immediately expressed strong objection through a letter to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Mr. Devendra Fadnavis on 12th September 2025, and a one-day token strike was observed on 18th September 2025. A subsequent meeting with the Hon'ble Minister for Medical Education, Mr. Hasan Mushrif, was held to request reconsideration of the decision. The matter is presently pending before the Hon'ble High Court, and we continue to actively pursue the issue to uphold the dignity and purity of modern medical practice.

This period was also marked by several significant State-level Conferences organized across Maharashtra. These included AMSCON at IMA Mumbai Branch, GERICON at IMA Mumbai West, HOSPICON at IMA Pune Branch, MAHA CGPCON at IMA Mumbai Branch, MAHA SPORT at IMA Nashik, MAHA EVECON at IMA Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar, and MAHA YOUTHCON at IMA Nagpur. All these conferences were meticulously organized, showcasing the vibrancy, unity, and professional excellence of IMA Maharashtra State.

An Organ Donation Awareness Webinar was organized on 3rd August 2025 under the auspices of the IMA MS Organ Donation Committee in collaboration with V4 Organs. The session was conducted by Dr. Meenakshi Deshpande, Chairperson, Organ Donation Committee, IMA Maharashtra State; Dr. Milind Kal, General Manager, Fiat, Pune; and Mr. S. M. Apte (Aptekaka). The speakers sensitized and motivated the participants on the importance and procedures of organ donation.

Various important health observances such as Aao Gaon Chalen, World Heart Day, World Breastfeeding Week, and World Mental Health Day were celebrated with great enthusiasm across several branches.

The National Youth Leadership Summit (NYLS) 2025 was successfully held at Goa Medical College, bringing together over 500 medical students from 27 states and 300 colleges across India. The summit was graced by eminent dignitaries including Dr. R. V. Asokan, Immediate Past President, IMA HQ; Dr. Shiv Kumar Utture, Chairman, Standing Committee, IMA MSN; Prof. Dr. J. P. Tiwari, Dean, Goa Medical College; and Dr. Dattaram Dessai, President, IMA Goa State.

Overall, this quarter was a period of action, learning, and strong professional resolve. Alongside various academic and social initiatives, the CCMP Homeopathy issue saw IMA Maharashtra State take a firm stand to uphold the dignity of modern medical practice. The period reflected our continued commitment to ethics, unity, and excellence in serving the medical profession and society.

Together, we move forward - united in purpose, steadfast in ethics, and committed to the dignity of our profession.  
JAI IMA

**Dr Anil Avhad**, Hon. Secretary,  
IMA Maharashtra State



## DR. BAKULESH MEHTA



*Dr Bakulesh Mehta, Past President of IMA Maharashtra State, IMA Mumbai West, passed away on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2025. A family physician practising at Andheri, Mumbai, he was a tall leader of the IMA who served the Association in various capacities. Our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family. IMA Maharashtra State mourns this sad loss, a void that will be hard to fill. RIP*

### TRIBUTES

Indian Medical Association mourns the sad demise of Dr. Bakulesh Mehta, a revered leader and an eminent figure of the Indian Medical Association. Dr. Mehta's unwavering commitment, visionary leadership and selfless service to the medical fraternity have left an indelible mark on IMA and the healthcare community at large. His contributions towards strengthening the unity among doctors and advancing the cause of medical ethics will always be remembered with profound respect and gratitude. The IMA fraternity pays homage to this noble soul and extends sincere condolences to the bereaved family. **RIP. IMA Hqrs**

Bakul as he is called with respect and love, is an omnipresent fatherly figure of IMA. He was a giant of the medical fraternity, seldom getting involved in the nitty-gritty of the back room. Acceptance and etiquette were his entitlement. He brought grace and dignity to any position he held. The art of speaking truth came naturally to him. An old school family doctor adept in the art of medicine, he continued to practice till the last year of life setting a role model to a generation of doctors. **Dr. S. Arulraj**, Past National President, IMA

Goodbye, The Gentle Giant of IMA - Dr. Bakul Mehta Sir, a senior leader of the Indian Medical Association, an inspiring figure in the medical fraternity, and to me, a dear friend, philosopher, and guide. He was a man of great integrity, vision, and compassion. His lifelong dedication to the medical profession and his steadfast commitment to the values of IMA earned him the respect and love of countless colleagues and friends throughout the country. Personally, I was deeply influenced by his wisdom, warmth, and unwavering support. He guided with humility and led with a rare sense of purpose and humanity. His passing leaves an irreplaceable void in our hearts and in the IMA family. Yet, his ideals and his legacy will continue to inspire and guide us always. **Dr Ravi Wankhedkar**, Past National President, IMA

The passing away of our dear Dr. Bakulesh Mehta marks the end of an era. A regular at all meetings, an active worker, held various posts at the Branch, State & headquarters. Past President of IMA Mumbai West and Maharashtra State, he participated in all Central Council meetings. A rare combo of father ( Dr. Shantilal Mehta) & son ( Dr. Bakulesh Mehta), both Presidents of our branch!. More than us, the children of Cheshire home, whom you have nurtured for decades, will miss you. **Dr Parthiv Sanghvi**

He was more than a senior colleague to me a fatherly figure, a mentor, and a dear friend whose guidance and affection I deeply cherished. Dr. Bakul Mehta was a thorough gentleman, a kind and compassionate soul, and a pillar of strength within the IMA fraternity. His calm demeanour, ever-helpful nature, and unwavering commitment to the medical community earned him immense love and respect from everyone who knew him. His legacy of goodness, humility, and service will continue to inspire all of us who had the privilege of knowing him. **Dr. Rajeev Agarwa**



## DR. RAMKRISHNA LONDHE



*Dr Ramkrishna Londhe, Past President of IMA Maharashtra State, passed away suddenly in Mumbai on September 14, 2025. As a member of the Election Commission, he was to participate in the vote counting for the recently concluded elections for President-elect and Vice President. A paediatrician with his own nursing home in Kalamb, he was a dedicated, humble, and hardworking IMA activist and leader. He began his journey from a small branch and was a prominent voice of the Marathwada region. As President, he is remembered for his visits to various local branches to raise funds for the IMA Maharashtra State office.*

*Our heartfelt condolences go to the bereaved family. IMA Maharashtra State is poorer for this sad and untimely loss, a void that will be difficult to fill. RIP Sir.*

### TRIBUTES

'Extremely saddened to learn about the untimely and shocking news of the demise of former IMA MS President Dr. Ramkrishna Londhe. He was on IMA duty, reaching Mumbai for the Election Counting as a member of the Election Commission. A friend to all, simple, down-to-earth, hailing from a small place, Kalamb, he was a very humble and straightforward person! I had the privilege of enjoying his company during the Marathwada Tour when I was President of IMA Maharashtra (2018). I also visited his hometown! Dr. Londhe made a significant contribution to the progress of IMA MS, including the new premises of IMA MS. He was enthusiastic about attending CWC meetings, State Executive and Council meetings, and conferences. He visited Nagpur several times, especially as Chief Guest while he was President of IMA Maharashtra, and I distinctly remember moments when I accompanied him to Wardha! May God give enough strength to his bereaved family to bear this irreparable loss'. **Dr. Yashwant Deshpande**

'Dr, Ramkrishna Londhe Sir passed away while on his journey to Mumbai from Kallam, while serving as a dedicated member of the IMA Maharashtra Election Commission & was also the Past President of IMA Maharashtra. Dr. Londhe was not only a great leader and hardcore IMA man, but also an exceptional human being a true gentleman, a friend of friends, and a constant source of support for all who knew him. His knowledge, wisdom, and down-to-earth nature earned him immense respect across the medical fraternity. He was approachable, compassionate, and always willing to help others, leaving a lasting impression on countless lives. His unwavering commitment to the medical profession, his colleagues, and the ideals of IMA will remain an enduring inspiration. His absence leaves a void that will be deeply felt by the entire medical community.' **Dr. Rajiv Agarwal**

I met him several times at CWC and the IMA national conferences. Simple, humble, guiding force to youngsters. Om Shanti.  
**Dr. Shivkumar Utture**

A warm, level-headed, genuine human being and a fine leader...he will definitely be missed! May his soul rest in peace.. Om Shanti. **Dr. Mangesh Pate**



## PRESIDENT'S VISITS, TOURS, AND MEETINGS



Mr. Amit Deshmukh Shri Dhiraj Kumar Principal Secretary, DMER



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Nagpur



IMA Wardha



SYNAPTIX, Wardha



IMA Chiplun



Health Minister Shri Prakash Abitkar



Shri Ramlal ABS Pramukh RSS



Sambhajinagar Shri Babasaheb Patil, Minister, GOM



Hon. CM, Hospital Regn renewal



Med. Ed. Min. Mr. Hasan Mushrif



Fire Safety Conference



Meeting with Health Minister Shri Prakash Abitkar



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Dr. Sanjay Ghate



Dr. Abbas Jabale

## NATIONAL PRESIDENT DR. DILIP BHANUSHALI'S VISITS, 26/7/2025 NAGPUR, 26/7/2025

## IMA WARDHA



## SYNAPTIX, WARDHA







## IMA STRONGLY OPPOSES THE INCLUSION OF HOMEOPATHY DOCTORS IN THE MAHARASHTRA MEDICAL COUNCIL REGISTER

On July 11, 2025, the government temporarily suspended the registration of homeopathic practitioners seeking to practice modern medicine under CCMP, following concerns raised by IMA over patient safety and cross-pathway. After the government directives, the Maharashtra Medical Council (MMC) withdrew its earlier notification dated June 30, 2025, by which had allowed CCMP-qualified doctors to register with the Council. The MMC stated that all further registrations under the program will remain suspended until further notice.

On 5/9/2025, the Maharashtra Medical Education and Drugs Department, relying on the opinion of the Law and Judiciary Department and the Advocate General, directed the Maharashtra Medical Council (MMC) to start the registration of homeopaths who have completed a one-year certificate course in modern pharmacology.

In a circular dated 11/9/2025, MMC called for CCMP-qualified homeopathic (BHMS) doctors to register in a dedicated portal on its official website, effective from 17/9/2025.

The Indian Medical Association (IMA) Maharashtra strongly objected to the state government's move to register CCMP (Certificate Course in Modern Pharmacology) certificate holders into the Maharashtra Medical Council (MMC), the regulatory body for allopathic practitioners, even as the matter remained sub judice.

In a press release on 8/9/2025, IMA Maharashtra questioned the urgency behind the government's decision and demanded immediate withdrawal of the decision, as it was "dangerous" and "a threat to public health." According to the IMA, the government's order was in contempt of court as the matter is already pending before the High Court. The decision undermines medical science and could compromise patient safety. MBBS doctors undergo 5.5 years of rigorous, evidence-based training in modern medicine, surgery, and emergency care. In contrast, BHMS education is confined to homeopathy, and the CCMP course provides only limited, basic knowledge of pharmacology. Equating the two is highly dangerous. The association argued that granting such recognition could lead to life-threatening risks in emergencies, where incorrect treatment, misdiagnosis, or surgical negligence might cost patients their lives.

In a letter to the Maharashtra State Chief Minister, on 12/9/2025, IMA Maharashtra State expressed its deep concern and strong objection to the recent circular issued by the Medical Education and Drugs Department, Government of Maharashtra, directing the Maharashtra Medical Council to register CCMP (Certificate Course in Modern Medicine and Surgery for Practitioners of Indian Systems of Medicine) passed homeopathic medical practitioners in the Maharashtra Medical Council. This decision poses a serious threat to the safety and quality of healthcare services.

The objections were

1. Academic disparity: The MBBS course is 5.5 years long, covering 19 subjects, clinical experience, and a compulsory internship, whereas CCMP is a 1-year course with only 2 days of teaching per week, which is insufficient to develop the necessary knowledge, skills, and decision-making abilities in modern medicine.
2. Risk to patient safety: Allowing inadequately trained individuals to treat patients can lead to misdiagnosis, adverse reactions, antibiotic resistance, and patient deaths, especially in rural areas.
3. Dual system: Registering CCMP doctors in the Maharashtra Medical Council would create a dual system, leading to confusion, misconceptions, and mistrust among the public.
4. Legal and ethical issues: The National Medical Commission (NMC) and state medical council regulations clearly state that licenses for modern medicine can only be granted to MBBS degree holders. CCMP is an orientation course, and granting licenses based on this would be legally inappropriate.

5. International credibility: MBBS is the globally recognized standard for medical education. Registering CCMP doctors would compromise the international credibility of Maharashtra's medical education and healthcare services.
6. Future implications: Allowing CCMP doctors to register would set a precedent for other alternative medicine practitioners to demand similar recognition, leading to chaos in the healthcare system and erosion of public trust.

The alternatives included increasing MBBS seats and opening new medical colleges, providing incentives for MBBS doctors to serve in rural areas, developing telemedicine, mobile medical units, and digital health services, and improving public healthcare infrastructure.

IMA Maharashtra State demanded that the decision to register CCMP doctors in the Maharashtra Medical Council be immediately stayed, not to implement any decisions until the pending High Court case is resolved, and only fully trained and qualified MBBS doctors be granted licenses for modern medicine. IMA Maharashtra State requested the Hon. Chief Minister to consider its demands and take immediate action to protect the health and safety of the citizens of Maharashtra. 'Healthcare is a sacred responsibility of the state. We are confident that you will consider our demands immediately to protect the health of Maharashtra's citizens and maintain the integrity of the medical profession. IMA Maharashtra State requested that the GR dated 5/9/25 be withdrawn immediately, failing which, agitation would be intensified with a one-day statewide token strike being observed on 18/9/2025, with all healthcare services closed for 24 hours.



### Meeting at IMA Mumbai on 14/9/2025

All 231 branches of IMA Maharashtra observed a one-day strike on 18th September 2025. It was one of the biggest strikes in recent times. MARD members also joined the strike. MAGMO and MSMTA supported the protest by sporting black ribbons. AMC, MSRDA, ASMI, AFPI, FAIMA, FORDA, and other associations of allopathic doctors shut down their clinics and hospitals. Corporate hospitals also participated in the strike. The token strike was so strong that the government had to take notice. The Principal Secretary contacted on 17<sup>th</sup> September, and according to information, the matter was discussed with the Chief Minister on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2025. Dr. Anupam Takalkar and his team met the Chief Minister on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar and handed over our memorandum. The government took note of our total withdrawal of health services, and Mr. Hasan Mushrif, Minister of Medical Education, sent a letter requesting that we withdraw the strike. The strike received wide coverage in the press.

Meanwhile, the Bombay High Court on /17/9/2025 refused to stay the registration of eligible homoeopaths with the Maharashtra Medical Council (MMC), While the Bombay High Court allowed provisional registration, it clarified that these will remain "subject to the outcome" of the pending petitions. The court also directed that CCMP practitioners must not exceed their competency and should refer serious cases to fully qualified allopathic doctors. The final court hearing is posted for 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

IMA Maharashtra State is exploring all options, including challenging the state government's decision to permit homoeopathy graduates (BHMS) with CCMP certificates to register with the Maharashtra Medical Council (MMC) for practising modern medicine in the Supreme Court.



# MEMORANDUM GIVEN TO MPs/ MLAs REGARDING REGISTRATION OF HOMEOPATHY DOCTORS WITH MMC 13/9/2025



Mr. Anil Bonde, MP, Amravati



Ministers Mr. Ramakrishna Vikhe  
Mr. Jaisingh Rawat



Mr. Vijaykumar Deshmukh, MLA, Solapur



Mr. Sudhir Mungantwar, MLA, Chandrapur



Mr. Rana Dada Patil, MLA, Tuljapur



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Shri Bhaskar Jadhav  
MLA, Guhagar, Khed



MP Mrs. Supriya Sule



Shri Narendra Bondeka



Shri Naresh Mhaske



Hon. Chief Minister  
at Sambhajinagar



Shri Pankaj Bhoyar, Minister  
at Wardha





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Chandrapur Ballarpur Dist

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# MINUTES OF MEETING WITH STATE HEALTH MINISTER, MR. HASSAN MUSHRIF ON BHMS CCPP ISSUE

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## UPDATE OF MEETING WITH HEALTH MINISTER ON 4<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2025

### AMENDMENTS IN BNHRA

IMA Maharashtra State is pursuing a few demands after the Bombay Nursing Home Registration Act was amended in 2021.

The last meeting was held on 12th August 25 at Sahyadri Guest house. On 4th November 2025 meeting was held, chaired by Honourable Health Minister Shri Prakash ji Abitkar.

The government wishes to change the nomenclature of the current Bombay Nursing Home Registration Act to the Maharashtra Nursing Home Registration Act. It seems they wish to make Hospitals, Nursing homes, corporate & charitable health establishments more accountable. They presented the Part where they wish to make changes.. Only the changed part was presented to us as the bare ACT.

Once this Act is passed, rules will be drafted. We, as an Association, have to stay connected with the Government & play an important role while framing rules & safeguard our Rights. In the changed part of the Bare Act, the Government has incorporated our following demands, giving due respect.

1. Registration & Renewal Process would be centralised at the DHS level & online.
2. Norms for Hospital Registration & Renewal would be uniform. (At present, different authorities ask for very varied compliance)
3. Uniform & Reasonable fees.
4. Registration Renewal every five years.
5. Accepted as a day-care health care facility
6. Categorisation of Hospital & concession in compliance will be done in the rules later on.
7. Partially agreed to ask for Fire Noc once while doing New Registration & then submission of form B for Renewal ( They will discuss with the Fire Department under UD)
8. Qualification of Hospital Staff - Cannot mention in the Act, as Maharashtra is a progressive state & wishes citizens should get quality care. But definite consideration will be given till qualified staff becomes easily available.

Apart from this, the government wishes to add more controlling clauses like suspension, cancellations of registration inspection by authorities, etc.

The government wishes that all healthcare facilities should participate in the National Health programs and report notifiable diseases.

The meeting was attended by a delegation led by President IMA Maharashtra State, Dr Santosh Kadam, Secretary Dr Anil Avhad, Dr Shivkumar Utture, Dr Suhas Pingle, and Dr Sanjay Kesare. NIMA & Astitva Parishad representatives also attended the meeting & gave inputs.

**Dr. Santosh Kadam**

President IMA Maharashtra

# OLD IS GOLD: 360° CARE FOR THE ELDERLY

## ENSURING MOBILITY, DIGNITY, AND LONGEVITY: AN INDIAN PERSPECTIVE

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### Introduction

Aging is a natural process, but aging gracefully is a social responsibility. In Indian culture, elders have always been revered as the “custodians of wisdom and tradition.” Yet, the modern socio-economic structure presents new challenges for elderly care. The idea of "Old is Gold" is more than just a saying; it is a call to action to ensure that senior citizens receive comprehensive, respectful, and proactive care.

### Why is 360° care the need of the hour?

A 360-degree approach focuses not only on treating illnesses but also on:

- Physical mobility
- Emotional and mental well-being
- Social security and dignity
- Preventive health care
- Family and community integration

#### 1. Ensuring mobility: The foundation of independence

Mobility is often the first casualty of aging. Conditions like arthritis, osteoporosis, fractures, and neurological disorders such as Parkinson's or stroke can severely limit movement.

Solutions:

- Regular bone health checkups (DEXA scan, calcium/vitamin D screening)
- Use of mobility aids (walkers, customized footwear, wheelchairs)
- Access to orthopaedic and physiotherapy services
- Fall prevention strategies at home
- Inclusive public infrastructure (ramps, railings, elevators)

#### 2. Restoring dignity: Beyond medical care

Dignity involves autonomy, respect, and participation in family and society. Sadly, many elders in India suffer silent neglect, loneliness, or even abuse.

*Strategies for restoring dignity:*

- Creating senior-friendly legal protections (e.g., Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act)
- Promoting intergenerational bonding within families
- Celebrating seniors through cultural events, community honors, and skill-sharing
- Setting up geriatric counselling centers and helplines

#### 3. Promoting longevity: The role of preventive geriatric care

Living longer should not mean living with suffering. Geriatric medicine emphasizes healthy aging and preventative care.

*Essential measures:*

- Regular screening for blood pressure, diabetes, lipid profile, vision, and hearing
- Immunizations (flu, pneumococcal, COVID boosters)
- Mental health support (dementia care, depression treatment)
- Diet and lifestyle counseling
- Polypharmacy management (avoiding unnecessary multiple medicines)

#### 4. Social and economic security: The silent pillars

In India, many elderly are financially dependent, especially women. This increases their vulnerability.

*Support systems:*

- Expansion of government schemes like IGNOAPS (Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme)
- Subsidized health insurance under Ayushman Bharat
- Dignified day-care centers and old-age homes not charity
- Access to digital literacy to bridge the tech divide

#### 5. Geriatric-friendly infrastructure: Building a nation for all ages

India's urban and rural planning must adapt to support aging populations.

*Suggestions:*

- Age-friendly cities and public transportation
- Geriatric wards in every district hospital
- Training frontline workers in elder care (ASHAs, ANMs)
- Promoting telemedicine access for immobile elders

#### 6. Role of family, society, and government

Family is the first line of care. Emotional support, shared time, and empathy go a long way.

Society must embrace inclusive values community centers, spiritual spaces, and recreational clubs for seniors.

Governments should implement and monitor policies with empathy, not just paperwork.

Finally

“Old is Gold” is not merely a sentiment but a societal responsibility. With the elderly population expected to double in India by 2050, we must act today. A 360° care model for seniors that ensures mobility, dignity, and longevity is essential not only to honor our elders but also to secure our own future.

Let us build an India where aging is not feared but cherished where every wrinkle tells a story, and every step in old age is supported with care, love, and pride.



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## ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN HEALTHCARE



*Artificial intelligence (AI) is poised to revolutionise healthcare delivery, improving patient outcomes, increasing efficiency, and potentially lowering costs. However, careful attention to the challenges, especially those related to ethics, data privacy, and regulatory oversight, is paramount to ensure responsible and equitable integration of AI in healthcare. Continuous research, collaboration among stakeholders, and a focus on human-AI collaboration will be crucial for unlocking the full potential of AI to enhance patient care and create a more sustainable healthcare system.*

Artificial intelligence (AI) is rapidly transforming the healthcare industry, promising to reshape various aspects of patient care, from diagnosis and treatment to drug discovery and administrative tasks.

### **Benefits of AI in healthcare**

#### **1. Enhanced diagnostics**

- Early disease detection: AI can analyse medical images like X-rays, CT scans, and MRIs to identify subtle signs of diseases like cancer, heart conditions, and eye diseases, often before symptoms appear. AI algorithms are being developed and utilised to analyse vast amounts of medical imaging data, including X-rays, MRIs, and CT scans, to identify diseases such as cancer, fractures, and cardiovascular conditions with enhanced accuracy and speed, potentially even surpassing human capabilities in certain cases.
- Improved accuracy: AI algorithms can assist doctors in interpreting complex medical data, leading to more accurate diagnoses and reducing the risk of misdiagnosis.

#### **2. Personalized medicine:**

- Tailored treatment plans: AI-powered applications analyse genetic, clinical, and lifestyle data to create personalised treatment plans tailored to each patient's specific needs and preferences. This approach aims to lead to better results and fewer side effects compared to traditional, generalised treatment plans.
- Predictive modeling: AI can predict a patient's risk of developing certain diseases and tailor preventative measures accordingly

#### **3. Clinical trials**

- AI is being integrated across various stages of clinical trials, from design and planning to execution and analysis

#### **4. Disease outbreak prediction**

- By analysing historical climate data alongside disease incidence rates, AI models can be trained to predict future outbreaks based on projected climate scenarios. Such forecasts can be invaluable for public health planning, allowing proactive measures to be taken before an outbreak occurs

#### **5. Electronic health records:**

- AI has the potential to improve healthcare quality through the analysis of Electronic Health Records (EHRs). AI algorithms can analyse EHR-integrated patient-generated health data (PGHD) to identify patterns, assist in diagnoses, and develop treatment plans.

#### **6. Increased efficiency and reduced costs:**

- Administrative automation: AI can automate tasks like patient scheduling, billing, and record management, freeing up healthcare professionals to focus on patient care.
- Optimized resource allocation: AI can predict patient admissions and optimize the use of hospital beds, staff, and equipment, leading to cost savings.
- Streamlined drug development: AI analyses massive datasets to identify potential drug candidates, predict efficacy and interactions, and streamline the entire drug development process, potentially saving time and resources. AI-driven simulations help predict drug efficacy and interactions, enhancing safety, reducing resource consumption, and speeding up development.

#### 7. Enhanced patient engagement and monitoring, and improved patient care

- AI-powered chatbots and virtual assistants can help patients book appointments, check symptoms, and receive reminders
- Wearable technology and smart monitors track vital signs in real-time, alerting doctors instantly if a problem is detected.
- This improved engagement and monitoring can lead to better adherence to treatment plans and improved overall health outcomes.

#### 8. Increased administrative efficiency

- AI can automate various administrative tasks, such as billing, appointment scheduling, and patient inquiries, freeing up healthcare professionals to focus on more complex clinical duties and patient care.
- For instance, AI-powered tools can assist with accurate coding and the sharing of information between departments and billing.

#### 9. Robotic surgery

- AI powers robotic arms that assist surgeons during complex procedures, offering better precision and reducing recovery times for patients.
- These machines offer better precision and reduce recovery times, leading to fewer surgery-related complications and less post-operative pain.

#### 10. Healthcare counselling

- AI enhances accessibility, personalizes treatments, and streamlines administrative tasks, though significant ethical considerations regarding data privacy and bias remain.
- AI tools are designed to augment their abilities, offering supplemental support and data-driven insights to improve patient outcomes.

### **AI Search engines**

- AI search engines in healthcare use natural language processing (NLP) to analyze unstructured medical data, such as patient records, research papers, and clinical notes, to provide faster, more accurate information. Specialized
- AI search engines and platforms streamline workflows for healthcare professionals and accelerate medical research.

### **AI Chatbots**

- AI chatbots are computer programs designed to simulate human conversations through text or voice interfaces. In healthcare,
- AI chatbots are transforming healthcare by providing 24/7 support, personalized health advice, and streamlining administrative tasks.
- They can handle routine inquiries, schedule appointments, and even assist with preliminary diagnostics, freeing up healthcare professionals for more critical tasks.
- Chatbots can improve patient engagement through personalized interactions and medication reminders.

### **Challenges and ethical considerations**

- Data privacy and security: Generating and analyzing vast amounts of sensitive patient data raises concerns about data privacy and the potential for misuse or breaches.
- Bias and fairness: AI models trained on biased data sets can perpetuate existing healthcare disparities and potentially lead to unequal treatment or misdiagnosis for certain demographic groups.
- Transparency and explainability: Understanding how AI algorithms make decisions is important for building trust and ensuring accountability
- Regulatory frameworks: The rapid pace of AI innovation poses challenges for establishing clear and comprehensive regulatory guidelines to ensure safety, efficacy, and ethical implementation.
- Interoperability: Integrating new AI-powered tools and platforms with existing healthcare systems can be complex and expensive.
- Reliability and accountability: Determining who is responsible in case of an AI-driven error can be difficult.
- Trust and adoption: Overcoming resistance from healthcare professionals and the general public, driven by a lack of trust or understanding of AI, is crucial for widespread adoption.
- High costs: Developing and implementing AI solutions in healthcare can be expensive.

## A LOOK AT MEDICAL CONSUMERISM



Medical consumerism is a concept in which patients actively engage in decisions about their health and healthcare, similar to how they would when purchasing other goods and services. This involves being informed, seeking multiple options, comparing costs and quality, and demanding a greater say in their treatment plans.

Examples of medical consumerism include

- Patients actively researching conditions online
- Comparing healthcare providers and prices online
- Using telemedicine services for convenience
- Utilizing patient portals for scheduling and communication\

There is a patient-centric shift from a "doctor says, patient does" model to one where patients are empowered to make informed choices about their care.

Medical consumerism is gaining ground as consumers are getting access to health information, increased high-deductible health plans, and value-based care, and the growth of technology like telemedicine and health apps. People now expect greater convenience, transparency, and [affordability](#) in their healthcare, similar to what they experience in other service sectors, leading to more active, informed, and empowered healthcare consumers.

### Benefits of healthcare consumerism for consumers

- Empowered decision-making
- **King:** Increased access to information allows patients to research conditions and treatment options, making informed decisions about their care.
- **Greater transparency:** Patients gain better ideas of treatment costs and outcomes, enabling them to "compare prices" for services and reduce financial uncertainty.
- **Convenience:** Technology adoption by providers leads to convenient solutions like online scheduling, telemedicine, and electronic intake, improving the patient experience.
- **Improved outcomes:** More informed patients contribute to a more collaborative relationship with their providers, which can result in better overall patient outcomes.
- **Cost control:** Patients can actively participate in managing costs, potentially leading to lower prices and reduced out-of-pocket expenses.

### Benefits for health care providers

- *Technological innovation:* Consumer demand for convenience forces providers to invest in new technologies and digital tools that improve patient engagement and streamline operations.
- *Better patient experiences:* healthcare providers can create more positive and seamless experiences, improving overall satisfaction and fostering stronger patient loyalty.
- *Increased efficiency:* Tools for electronic intake and online pre-registration reduces administrative burdens, freeing up staff time to focus on patient care and other essential tasks.
- *Better patient relationships:* A collaborative environment where patients are engaged and informed leads to better communication and a stronger patient-provider partnership.
- *Attracting new patients:* By prioritizing patient-centric services, healthcare organizations can differentiate themselves, attracting new patients and retaining existing ones.

### Challenges

- Health care needs to be universal, inclusive, and accessible. A consumerist model based on purchasing power does not provide universal accessibility. Those with financial difficulties may not avail of adequate and good-quality health care facilities.



- Many people, especially the older population, may not be familiar with the latest digital technologies and may not be able to partake in health care.
- For optimum benefits from health consumerism, health infrastructure, skills, and employment need to be improved.
- Consumer technology has to be improved and simplified so that all people in all age groups and locations can find health care when needed.
- Patients need to be better educated about their health conditions, rights, and responsibilities. They need to focus on diet, exercise, general awareness, and involvement in their health to derive benefits from the system.
- Health care providers need to educate patients regarding the choices they have as consumers when they are availing health care.

### The future

As a result of healthcare consumerism, healthcare professionals need to alter the way they practice and charge for their services.

As healthcare consumerism evolves,

- Consumers will continue see an increase in health care expenses
- Healthcare service delivery will become more marketing-driven
- Healthcare will emphasize value of services over volume of services,

Future trends in medical consumerism include increased use of technology like telehealth and AI-driven diagnostics, a focus on personalized and data-driven care, improved information transparency and consumer choice, a broader integration of health and wellness into everyday life, and the development of innovative digital marketplaces.

With healthcare consumerism on the rise, there should be a more efficient, cost-effective system for all Consumers will be more engaged and empowered, moving towards a consumer-first healthcare model.

### AAO GAON CHALEN IMA SAMBHAJINAGAR



A mega health camp was organized at Mahakala on 17/8/2025. 1051 patients were examined by specialists and given expert advice. Free medicines and spectacles were distributed. Mr. Rajesh Tope (Former Health Minister, GOM) was the Chief Guest.

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Village Zanzuri near Palghar, 17/8/2025, 150 beneficiaries

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- Cardiovascular diseases (CVDs) are the leading cause of death globally.
- An estimated 17.9 million people died from CVDs in 2019, representing 32% of all global deaths. Of these deaths, 85% were due to heart attack and stroke.
- Over three-quarters of CVD deaths take place in low- and middle-income countries.
- Out of the 17 million premature deaths (under the age of 70) due to noncommunicable diseases in 2019, 38% were caused by CVDs.

The theme for World Heart Day 2025 (September 29), "Don't Miss a Beat," underscores the importance of prioritizing heart health and taking action to prevent cardiovascular disease, which is a leading global cause of death.

The campaign aims to

1. Raise awareness about the impact of cardiovascular disease and the importance of heart health
2. Encourage individuals to make healthy choices, such as moving more, connecting with loved ones, and building healthier communities.
3. Unite people across the globe to celebrate heart health and inspire action.
4. Highlight the need for improved access to life-saving care and treatment for cardiovascular disease.

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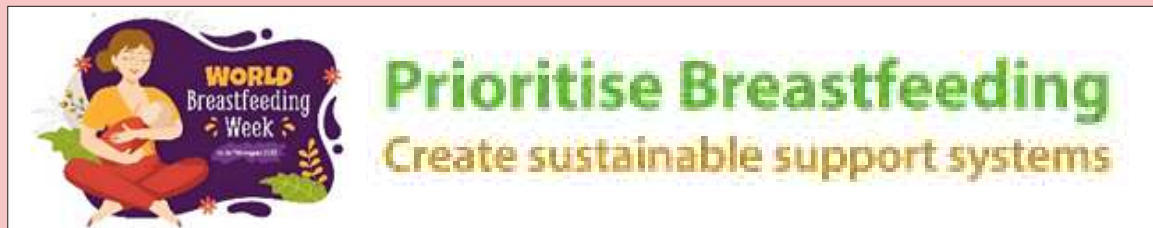
IMA Maharashtra State's 2<sup>nd</sup> State Executive meeting was hosted by the IMA Chipun branch at Woods Homestay in Asgoli, Guhagar, a scenic beach resort.

On August 2<sup>nd</sup>, there was a CME program 'Partners in health care excellence' (Sahyadri hospital pvt ltd), IMA MS office bearers' meeting, followed by fellowship and dinner.

About 130 members attended the State Executive meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2025, which addressed critical issues and took decisive actions.

Kudos to Dr. Abbas Jable, President, and the entire IMA Chiplun team for their excellent arrangements and hospitality.





Breastfeeding is one of the most effective ways to ensure child health and survival, yet less than half of infants under 6 months old are exclusively breastfed. Breastfeeding has profound public health implications. It protects against gastrointestinal infections, supports the child's immune system, and significantly reduces the risk of childhood obesity. For mothers, it reduces the risk of breast cancer and promotes postpartum recovery. Breast milk also remains a critical source of energy and nutrients, providing over 50% of a child's energy needs between 6 and 12 months, and one-third between 12 and 24 months.

The 2025 theme for World Breastfeeding Week (1-7 August), 'Prioritise breastfeeding: Create sustainable support systems' emphasizes the need for continued investment in breastfeeding to promote healthier lives and stronger societies. It highlights the importance of establishing long-term, equitable support structures to enable mothers to breastfeed successfully, while also highlighting the environmental benefits of breastfeeding and the significance of sustainable practices.

Prioritizing breastfeeding involves recognizing breastfeeding as a public health priority and ensuring that it is supported at all levels of society, from individual families to healthcare systems and workplaces.

Consistent support for breastfeeding mothers includes:

- Maternity leave and flexible work arrangements for mothers to breastfeed without sacrificing their jobs.
- Lactation support in the workplace- provision of comfortable and private spaces for mothers to express milk and nurse their babies.
- Community support networks - Connecting mothers with other breastfeeding mothers and lactation consultants for guidance and encouragement.
- Healthcare provider training - Ensuring that healthcare professionals are knowledgeable and equipped to support breastfeeding mothers.

### WBW PROGRAMMES



Amravati



IMA WDW Chandrapur



IMA WDW PCB



### IMA MS OFFICE STAFF



From left: Mr. Prasad Jadhav, Mr. Vinayak Nikam, Ms. Ashwini Rane, Dr Anil Avhad, Hon. State Secretary, Dr. Santosh Kadam, President, Ms. Betsy Caston, Mr. Akshay Rangle, Mr. Mahesh Kajare



Organ donation day commemorates the first living donor organ transplant, which took place in 1954. The theme for World Organ Donation Day 2025 is "Answering the call". It is designed to honour the extraordinary professionals dedicated to advancing organ donation and transplantation.

Working in organ donation and transplantation demands exceptional talent and great compassion. It is a field marked by moments of profound joy and profound challenge. Those who choose this path are “answering the call” to make a life-changing impact. From supporting donor families during their most vulnerable moments to ensuring that patients on the waitlist receive the gift of life, these professionals embody resilience, empathy, and a steadfast commitment to healing

“Answering the call” is designed specifically for the professionals who form the backbone of the organ donation and transplantation ecosystem those working in organ procurement organizations (OPOs), transplant centers, hospitals, government and regulatory bodies, and supporting industry partners. These professionals help by:

- Contributing expertise: Volunteer time and knowledge in educational initiatives
- Elevating national best practices: Recognizing and sharing effective practices from across the continuum to expand its impact through education and innovation.
- Fostering collaboration: Working together to identify and implement strategies that advance the field and save more lives.

These efforts will strengthen the professional community, enabling it to adapt to an ever-changing landscape to provide exceptional care to donors and families, and to maximize the number of lives saved each year.

The Alliance, <https://www.organdonationalliance.org/alliance>

## WORLD ORGAN DONATION DAY PROGRAMMES



IMA Beed



IMA Chiplun



Jalna



An organ donation awareness webinar for Professors, HODs, and lecturers of various colleges in Mumbai's NSS colleges was organized on August 3, 2025, to enrol them as registered organ donors and launch the online training and awareness course for students under the umbrella of the IMA Maharashtra Organ Donation Committee and V4 Organs. Dr. Milind Kal, GM, Fiat, Pune, was the Chief Guest at the programme, which included a presentation on organ donation by Mr. S. M Apte (Aptekaka), a demonstration on the implementation of organ donation training across colleges, registration of organ donation pledge via NOTTO website, and a talk by Dr. Meenakshi Deshpande on organ donation awareness. More than 6,000 students were trained as counselors last year via V4 Organs by Aptekaka.

**Dr. Meenakshi Deshpande**, Chairman, Organ Donation Committee





SYNAPTIX, IMA MSN National West Zone Conclave, a zonal-level event for undergraduate medical students from across the Western region of the country, including Maharashtra, Gujarat, Rajasthan, and Goa, was held at the Data Meghe Institute of Higher Education & Research, Wardha, on July 26, 2025. Approximately 300 delegates attended the event, which provided a platform for academic exchange, skill-building workshops, leadership development, and professional networking. The educational events included workshops on hands-on robotic surgery, ophthalmology - goat eye dissection, suturing skills with live practice on mannequins, Wet lab fresh tissue suturing on real animal tissue, Emergency - 'Read the rhythm, decode the danger', ECG reading, and basic life support airway management. There were poster and paper presentations, case presentations, and a medical quiz competition. A 'Youth Parliament' based on political and social issues linked to healthcare and youth was one of the highlights. Other activities included the MSN report presentation and the West Zone meeting, and a gala cultural night of music and dance. Chief Guest, Dr. Dilip Bhanushali, National President, IMA HQs. Guests of Honor: Dr. Piyush Jain, Hon. Finance Secretary, IMA Hqs, Dr. Santosh Kadam, President, IMA Maharashtra State, and Dr. Shivkumar Utture, Chairman, IMA MSN, and functionaries from JNMC, DMIMS, and IMA MSN graced the inauguration ceremony.





The 2-day zonal medicolegal conference, on 25th and 27th July 2025, hosted by the IMA Amravati branch & Dr. Panjabrao Deshmukh Memorial Medical College, aimed to empower practicing physicians with critical medicolegal knowledge. The theme 'Consent to courtroom - Mastering the legal landscape' included 25+ talks on a wide range of topics. The debates focused on 'increase in number of medical colleges and improvement in delivery of healthcare' and 'Group hospital practice vs individually owned nursing home practice'. The moot court, 'where clinical decisions meet legal scrutiny', provided a live courtroom experience. The panel discussions included 'meet the experts', providing insights into the legal aspects of healthcare, and 'court martial'. There was also a 'public forum on doctor-patient relationships, violence against medical personnel, and violence at hospitals. Mrs. Saumya Sharma, Amravati Municipal Commissioner, was the chief Guest at the inauguration ceremony, and Dr. A. T. Deshmukh, Dean, PDMMC, Dr. Vasant Lunge, Hon. Jt. Secretary, IMA Hqs, and Dr. Dinesh Thakare, Past President, IMA Maharashtra State, were the Guests of Honor. Congratulations to Dr. Alka Kuthe, President, Dr. Seema Advani, and Dr. Pratima Kale, Hon. Secretaries, Dr. Radha Saodekar, Dr. Sandeep Dankhade, and the entire IMA Amravati and PDMMC team



The 'Monsoon Medical Conclave', organized by the IMA Kalyan branch, featured a multidisciplinary CME program. Dr. Pramod Jog, Professor of Paediatrics and HOD Family Medicine, D Y Patil Medical College, was the chief guest at the inauguration ceremony. With 325 delegates and 13 expert faculty members, the event was an academic feast. Congratulations to Dr. Surekha Leetkar, President, and the IMA Kalyan team!

**NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP SUMMIT 2025**  
**GOA MEDICAL COLLEGE, BAMBOLIM, GOA, 20<sup>TH</sup> & 21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025**  
**HOSTED BY IMA MSN GOA**



The National Youth Leadership Summit (NYLS) 2025 was successfully held at Goa Medical College, bringing together over 500+ medical students from 27+ states and 300+ colleges across India. It marked a significant chapter in IMA MSN's journey, providing a platform for leadership, learning, and unity among young medical professionals. The summit was graced by Dr. R. V. Asokan, Immediate Past President, IMA HQ, as the Chief Guest. The Guests of Honour included Dr. Shiv Kumar Utture, Chairman, Standing Committee, IMA MSN; Prof. Dr. J. P. Tiwari, Dean, Goa Medical College; Dr. Dattaram Dessai, IMA Goa State President; and officials from the Standing Committee, IMA MSN HQ, and Goa Medical College.

Highlights included a National Council Meeting, where key policy matters and youth leadership agendas were discussed, as well as state felicitations, during which 16 state units were recognized for their exceptional contributions and initiatives. Activities included academic and skill-building workshops, such as eight thematic workshops like the unique Goat Eye Workshop; three scientific events (UN Summit, House of MD, and Clinical Case Presentations); an awareness session on HPV vaccination in collaboration with FOGSI; the release of a Subcommittee, including the formal introduction of subcommittees like the vital Mental Health Subcommittee; and the launch of the Annual Magazine celebrating the creativity, achievements, and vision of medical students nationwide. The summit concluded with a spectacular cultural evening. NYLS 2025 was more than just an event; it was a movement of ideas, leadership, and inspiration. The spirit of Goa will continue to energize IMA MSN's journey toward greater milestones for medical students and the broader healthcare community.

**IMAFEST 2025**  
**26<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of IMA Dombivli**



IMAFEST 2025 concluded on 5th October. The conference featured power-packed scientific sessions, engaging discussions on recent advances, and vibrant networking among medical professionals from diverse specialities. Chief Guest, Shri Abhinav Goel, IAS, Commissioner KDMC, inaugurated the event. A major highlight of IMAFEST 2025 was the prestigious Late Dr. U. Prabhakar Rao Oration, delivered by the distinguished Dr. Neeraj Nagpal, eminent medicolegal expert.





The 55<sup>th</sup> Annual conference of IMA Mumbai branch, MAHA CGPCON & National West Zone CGPCON was held at Hotel ITC Grand Central, Parel, Mumbai on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2025 with the theme 'Advancing Medicine, transforming lives. There were about 20 high-quality scientific sessions on a variety of subjects, including diagnostics, oncology, regenerative and integrative therapies in anti-ageing, vaccines, infertility, cosmetic dermatology, bariatric surgery, immunotherapy, etc. Dr. Dilip Bhanushali, National IMA President, was the Chief guest at the inauguration ceremony, the Guests of Honour were Dr. Hozie Kapadia, Vice President, Dr. Piyush Jain, Hon. Finance Secretary, National IMA, Dr. V.S. Prasad, Dean, Dr. Amutha Karunanidhi, Hon. Sec. IMACGP HQ, Dr. Santosh Kadam, President, Dr. Anil Avhad, Secretary, IMA MS, and Dr. Jagdish Ramchandani, Director of Studies, IMACGP MS. Congratulations to Dr. Girish Rajadhyaksha, President, Dr. Pragji Vaja, Hon. Secretary, Dr. Sujatunissa Attar, Organising Chairman, Dr. Jitesh Mehta, Co-Organising Chairman, Dr. Pankaj Bandarkar, Organizing Secretary, Team IMA Mumbai, and office bearers of IMA CGP MS and IMA AMS (Hqs).



VIMAICON, annual conference of IMA Virar, 5/10/2025



## IMA DEMANDS JUSTICE FOR LATE DR SAMPADA MUNDE



Dr. Sampada Munde, a medical officer, died by suicide in Satara. The incident led to a statewide strike by resident doctors in Maharashtra. A suicide note reportedly named a police sub-inspector and her landlord's son. IMA Beed and IMA MS branch members met the victim's family. IMA MS President, Dr. Santosh Kadam, led a candlelight protest march at Beed, and a memorandum was submitted to the Collector of Beed. IMA MS will join hands with MAGMO < MARD and other associations in a state-wide agitation demanding justice for the late Dr. Sampada Munde.

## \*महा- काव्यांजली २०२५\*

आय एम ए महाराष्ट्र राज्य सांस्कृतिक समिती तर्फे दि. २६ ऑक्टोबर २०२५ रोजी ऑनलाईन राज्यस्तरीय काव्य संमेलन व काव्य स्पर्धा आयोजित केली होती. उद्घाटन अध्यक्ष डॉ. संतोष कदम यांनी केले. सचिव डॉ. आव्हाड यांनी स्वागत केले. सांस्कृतिक समितीचे चेअरमन डॉ. राजेश यांनी प्रास्ताविक केले. संमेलन व स्पर्धेचे आयोजन कोचेअरमन डॉ. गीतांजली शर्मा (कसमळकर) यांनी केले. डॉ. गीतांजली यांनी संमेलनाचे सूत्रसंचालन सुंदररित्या केले. दिवाळी किंवा अबला नाही, सबला! या विषयावर महाराष्ट्राच्या कानाकोपऱ्यातून डॉक्टर कवी कवयित्रींनी कविता सादर केल्या. डॉ. दिलीप कुलकर्णी, डॉ. दिनकर देसाई व डॉ. शेख इक्बाल मिन्ने हे आमंत्रित कवी व परीक्षक होते. त्यांनी कवितेची विविध रूपे व उत्तम कविता कशी असावी या विषयी मार्गदर्शन केले व आपल्या कविता सादर केल्या. खऱ्या अर्थाने काव्यफराळाने व काव्य आतषबाजीने दिवाळी साजरी झाली. रूपे व उत्तम कविता कशी असावी आय एम ए एम एसच्या इतिहासात प्रथमच ऑनलाईन काव्यसंमेलनाचा हा सोहळा अगदी यशस्वी झाला. स्पर्धेचा पारितोषिक वितरण समारंभ लवकरच होणार आहे

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## IMA MAHASPORTS 2025 - DOCTORS PLAY WITH PASSION!



IMA MAHASPORTS, a grand celebration of sportsmanship, health, unity, harmony, fellowship, fitness and fun among members, was hosted by the IMA Nashik branch from 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025 to 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2025. (Report, photos in the next issue)



IMA MS MAHA EVECON, 18<sup>th</sup> annual conference of the Women Doctors Wing, was hosted by the MA Chh. Sambhajinagar branch from 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at the IMA hall. (Report, photos in the next issue)



## IMA MS ELECTIONS FOR PRESIDENT ELECT, VICE PRESIDENT



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IMA Wai (Satara)



## GANESHOTSAV 27/8/2025



IMA WDW Ahilyanagar



IMA Akola



IMA Beed

### Eco-green Ganeshmurti workshop



IMA Pandharpur: **Art and craft exhibition** by members



IMA Amravati



IMA Jalgaon



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IMA Sambhajinagar



Kadams, Thane



MP Dr. Shrikant Shinde



Wankhedkars, Dhule



Gandhis,  
Sambhajinagar



## BRANCH ACTIVITIES -1 (August 2025)

### IMA BARAMATI



Multispeciality monsoon meet

### IMA BEED



Dy CM Shri Ajit Pawar



Health camp

### IMA BULDHANA



Visit of IMA MS team for inspection



### IMA DHAMANGAON RLY



Installation ceremony

### IMA CHANDRAPUR



Felicitation of Mr Sudhir Mungantiwar, MLA



WDW - Mission Pink Health School - Health talks



### IMA DHULE



Silent march against noise pollution

### IMA JALGAON



"Get Label Smart"\* Campaign at Palod Public School



### IMA MUMBAI WEST



Airway conference



Free HPV DNA PCR testing camp



### IMA NAGPUR



Monsoon box cricket

### IMA PARTUR



New office bearers

### IMA PHALTAN



Installation of Obs

### IMA SAMBHAJINAGAR



WEALTHCON investors course



## BRANCH ACTIVITIES -2 (September October 2025)

### IMA KALYAN



Career Guidance programme for school children

### IMA MUMBAI WEST



Mission Pink Health, St. Lawrence School, Santacruz, Mumbai



Teachers' Day, Merit Scholarship to students

### IMA CHALISGAON



Dandiya night

CME

### IMA PIMPRI CHINCHWAD BHOSARI (PCB) WDW



Navratri Dandiya event

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