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## ACTIVITIES OF NATIONAL PRESIDENT & HONORARY SECRETARY GENERAL



## IMA BUILDING & IMA STAFF SHINING BLUE AS PART OF WHO "GOING BLUE" CAMPAIGN TO CREATE AWARENESS ABOUT AMR





## From the pen of National President, IMA



Beloved Senior leaders and Fellow Colleagues, I am extremely delighted to meet you all through this IMA NEWS as your National President. I am happy that in the last 11 months, I have been receiving all your cooperation, support, encouragement and coordination at all levels from every member, every branch and every state for which I will remain thankful to all of you.

I would like to share that a Grand Cultural Extravaganza "AANANDOTSAV" an event first of its kind, in the history of IMA was organized by IMA Standing Committee for Cultural and Literary on 12th November 2022 at IMA House, New Delhi. This event was organised by Dr Divya Saxena, Chairperson of the above Standing Committee who has taken personal interest to make this programme rich in entertainment and colourful. The programme was filled with songs, dances, skits, comedy etc. from renowned artists and our members.

In the month of November, I have attended/participated in the following meetings: -

- Annual National Conference of IMA AMS and East Zonal Conference of IMA AMS – AMSCON-2022 organized by IMA Bengal State Branch on 5th & 6th November 2022 at Kolkata. IMA AMS is doing the commendable activities since long especially in the academic field of Medical Specialities. The courses run by AMS are quite popular and in demand among the specialists.
- Annual Conference "BAMCON - 2022" held on 6th November, 2022 at Bhagalpur, Bihar. IMA Bhagalpur Branch is one of the active branches of IMA. The Annual Conference (BAMCON 2022) is enabling our members to interact with each other and share their rich experiences of the medical practices.
- Annual Conference of IMA AP State was hosted by IMA Nandyal Branch on 12th November 2022. The Annual Conference was studded with Scientific Session and sports activities which is the best combination for keeping active both mind and body.
- 6th Annual Conference of IMA Telangana State was held on 13th November 2022 hosted by IMA Karimnagar Branch. The Telangana State IMA has given many powerful and knowledgeable leaders to the IMA HQs.
- I have attended the programme of UNICON – joint effort by United West Delhi Branches on 20th November 2022 at New Delhi. Unity amongst ourselves is very important to push our views. In past one year, I tried my level best to unite different fractions in Delhi and outside too. In a metropolitan city like Delhi all doctors like to interact with each other inspite of their branch affiliation. Such unified programs give opportunity for frequent interaction, brotherhood and exchange of ideas. It also reduces the expenses if such programs are organised by branches individually. Delhi being capital, the activities done by IMA or its branches are closely noticed by the corridors of power. So, it's important to show our solidarity at all times.
- Delhi Stakeholder Consultation for IDSP-IHIP Expansion was held on 25th Nov 2022, New Delhi. I assured that our Branches, spread all over the country will be able to support the efforts of the Government in making IDSP portal more effective and efficient.

STAR SUMMIT 2022 was organised by Saveetha Medical College & Hospital, Chennai on 29th November 2022.

Eagerly waiting to meet you all during the ensuing meetings of Central Working Committee, Central Council along with NATCON 2022 at Pragyaraj. Necessary notification has already been sent to the respective members. Please register for the conference wherein our leader Dr Sharad Agarwal shall be installed as National President 2022-23 along with his team.

I take this opportunity to thank you all for the cooperation extended to me and my team.

Jai Hind!

Jai IMA!!

**Dr. Sahajanand Pd. Singh**  
National President, IMA





Greetings from IMA Hqs. !

My respected elders, mentors, and friends, I am delighted to express and share all my feelings and achievements of IMA through the mirror – “IMA NEWS”.

As you must be aware that 228th Meeting of the Central Working Committee and 83rd Meeting of the Central Council along with 97th National Annual Conference of IMA (NATCON 2022) will be held from 26th – 29th December, Prayagraj (Allahabad), Uttar Pradesh. I am not only sure but confident that many important issues will be discussed and appropriate decisions will be taken for the betterment of the medical fraternity.

IMA HQs immediately reacted and issued a Press Release on 8-11-2022 on the request received from Haryana State Branch, IMA to consider the legitimate demands of the students and the bond system be scrapped/modified to suit the government and the students alike. We requested the Chief Minister of Haryana to consider the above matter. Taking the protest further, a virtual combined meeting of IMA MSN and JDN was organized on 21-11-22 against the bond policy for MBBS admission in Haryana.

A hybrid colourful and wonderful programme - “AANANDOTSAV” was organized by IMA Standing Committee for Cultural and Literary under the leadership of Dr Divya Saxena, Chairperson of the above Committee on 12th November 2022 at IMA HQs. on the theme “Unity in Diversity”. An Array of performances like songs, dances, skit, instrumental music etc. had made the event full of entertainment and joy. This was a first of its kind cultural event where all the performances were performed by IMA members from different parts of the country depicting various regional rich cultures.

IMA HQs along with IMA Standing Committee for Medical Ethics had organized a virtual Webinar on “Medico Legal Problems and Ethics” on 19-11-2022 under the leadership of Dr Vinay Aggarwal, Chairman of the above Committee. It was attended by a large number of participants. During the above Webinar issues like, Ethical Professionalism in Hospital Practice, Quality and Safety in Hospital Practice, Documentation-Methodology both IPD/OPD, End of Life Care/Do not resuscitate Policy and Breaking Bad News – Managing a dreaded experience were discussed.

I am glad to inform you that the result of IMA National Elections 2022-2024 have been declared and uploaded on the website of IMA. I congratulate Dr. Sharad Kumar Agarwal, National President Elect 2022-2023, Dr R V Asokan, National President Elect – 2023-2024 and Dr Anil J Nayak, Hony. Secretary General, 2022-2024 and their team members for successful years ahead.

IMA in collaboration with Dr Reddy’s Laboratories has tied up to organize four national virtual CME’s on Cough and fever. The First Virtual CME was organized on 18th November 2022 on the topics (i) Importance of history taking for cough management and Significance of Cough sound and (ii) Highlights of IMA fever Algorithm

A virtual meeting of IMA Service Doctors’ Wing was organised on 23-11-2022 on the topics related to Service Doctors

An exclusive Conclave of IMA Medical Student’s Network “MSN National Conclave 2022” was held successfully on 27-11-2022 at IMA HQs. which was attended by a large number of medical students from all over the country. The conclave was planned with an aim to familiarise the medical student leaders and students about MSN with an objective to strengthen the MSN at grassroot level across the country. The Conclave witnessed a series of academic cultural, panel discussions and felicitation programmes.

WHO announced World Antimicrobial Awareness Week from 18th to 24 November 2022 on the theme “Preventing Antimicrobial Resistance Together”. Infection control practices need to be strengthened. A paradigm shift in behavior and management is needed to reduce AMU (antimicrobial use). Let’s do it Together to Prevent Antimicrobial Resistance. IMA had sent a communication to all its members to observe the same in a befitting manner.

Eager to meet you all at NATCON -2022 at Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh

Jai Hind... Jai IMA

Dr Jayesh M Lele

Hony. Secretary General, IMA





16.11.2022

**CONFIDENTIAL- HIGH LEVEL COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER VARIOUS ISSUES PERTAINING TO  
MARKETING PRACTICES BY PHARMA COMPANIES - REG.**

To,  
Venkat Hariharan Asha,  
Deputy Director, Deptt. of Pharmaceuticals

Dear Sir/Madam

Greetings from Indian Medical Association!

This is with reference to the meeting of the High-Level Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. V. K. Paul to consider various issues pertaining to marketing practices by Pharma Companies held on 13.10.2022.

In addition to the other discussions held on this subject the main points of discussion were on Clause No.8 and 35 of Draft Regulations of National Medical Commission, Registered Medical Practitioner (Professional Conduct) Regulations, 2022.

The Indian Medical Association supports the concept of generic medicine. The usage of generic medicines makes the treatment economical and affordable to the patients. Keeping this mind IMA has started Jan Aushadhi centre at IMA HQs premises which is running for the last 7 years supporting Pradhan Mantri Bharatiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP).

The prescribing of generic medicines to patients will become effective only where there is a strong institutional management to control sub-standard medicines in the market. Whereas, the medicines available in Jan Aushadhi Centres and other Government outlets have a strong internal regulatory mechanism for quality control, the same cannot be said for the generic medicines available in the market because of the weak regulatory mechanism. As a result, the patients are likely to be at mercy of local chemists to provide medicines of their choice, the quality of which will be questionable.

No medical practitioners would like their patients to get sub-standard medicine because the lack of effectiveness of these medicines will affect the reputation of the medical practitioners. Therefore, the intent of the Government to provide economic and affordable medicines to the poor patients will fail due to the weak regulatory system.

Hence, IMA feels that while promoting the generic medicines, the strong regulatory mechanism in the centre and state level should also be developed to control malpractice in the markets.

Some of the medicines will change their efficacies if the manufacture companies are changed due to the particular incipient used in the medicine, i.e. digoxin, Thyroxine, Lithium, phenytoin, velproate etc. Such medicines which are used lifelong need to be identified by the experts in this field, for prescribing braded generics. The directions for generic medicines may have to be looked into and considered accordingly.

**Dr. Sahajanand Pd. Singh**  
National President, IMA

**Dr. Jayesh Lele**  
Hony. Secretary General



## UNDERSTANDING DIFFERENTLY ABLED CHILDREN

All children are special and form the center of universe for their parents who shower them with their love and affection. However, they face a lot of difficulties when it comes to taking care of physically and mentally challenged children. How children with special needs are brought up also depends on multiple factors like the educational status of the parents, their economic condition which determines their affordability and their family background. Parents have no idea or education in how to look after such children and handle them.

The biggest hurdle faced in rearing children with special needs is financial pressure. These children are required to undergo many treatments which include educational, occupational, speech, neurological, physiotherapy, psychological and psychiatric therapies. It is important to note here that in our country, there is no provision of Mediclaim for children with developmental problems which can exert severe financial stress on their parents. A common problem which exists at a basic level for the parent of a mentally challenged child is understanding what the child wants or what he/she is trying to convey. Lack of communication or the inability to communicate one's needs or desires in a clear and coherent manner are major problem areas for these children. These children and their parents also have to deal with a lot of psychological and psychiatric issues.

Lack of acceptance from normal society, not being able to form healthy friendly relationships with their peers which could lead to loneliness and continuously being hounded by the fact that they are not 'normal' could lead to severe depression in children who are physically handicapped, deaf & dumb and blind. It is imperative for their family members and the wider society and community to treat these children as normal members of society and help them overcome these issues.

A holistic approach/technique needs to be implemented which looks at the child as a complete personality with a keen focus on his/her strengths. We need to understand that every human being has a unique personality and these children are not an exception. They do not require our pity but our acceptance and love. Futuristic planning is necessary for such children to ensure that they are well settled and properly rehabilitated. As responsible citizens, it is our duty to translate this thought into reality.

**Dr. Sanjay Dudhat**

HOD, Oncosurgeon, Mumbai







## REPORT OF FELICITATIONS OF DIFFERENTLY ABLED CHILDREN-MUMBAI WEST BRANCH (DHYEYA PURTHI PURASKAR)

On Saturday, 05th of November 2022, "07th Dhyeya Purthi Puraskar" for "Differently Abled Children" was organized by Nutan Gulgule Foundation (NGF) at Ravindra Natya Mandir, Prabhadevi with 600 audience and VIPs. In this programme differently abled people and children were awarded for their outstanding achievements in their life (total 16 awardees). The Chief Guest for this programme was Hon. Governor Shri Bhagat Singh Koshyari and myself (Dr. Sanjay Dudhat) was the Guest of Honour. With Dr. Sanjay Dudhat's initiative, 1st time in India Group Mediclaim Policy for Down syndrome was announced with the help SBI General Insurance. This policy will definitely help parents of Down syndrome children. The Chief Guest, Hon. Governor spoke very encouraging and helping for these differently abled children. IMA Mumbai West was one of the main supporters for this programme. Hon. Secretary General – IMA HQ, Dr. Jayesh Lele and Hon. Secretary - IMA Mumbai West, Dr. Shobha Ahuja also given awards to the differently abled children. Both of them were felicitated by the organizers (NGF). Organizers gave special appreciation to IMA Mumbai West for their help and the support. Overall, the function was really emotional and very well organized.



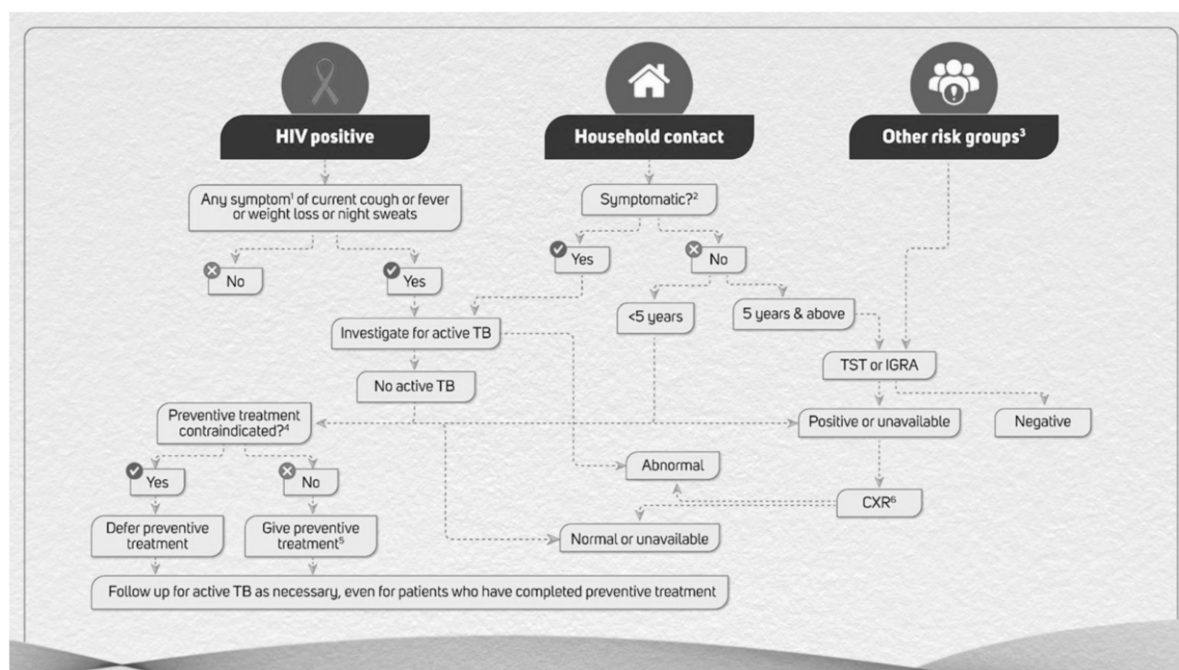
**PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF TB INFECTION IN INDIA**

As you might be aware, India currently has the highest burden of Tuberculosis Infection (TBI) in the world. Close to 35-40 crore Indians carry the TB infection of which 5-10% will develop into TB disease. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), along with the Central Tuberculosis Division (CTD) are pioneering a unique program to get to the source of TB infection and negate all possibilities of TB disease, by prescribing Tuberculosis Preventive Therapy (TPT) to target groups across the country.

India has set an ambitious target of eliminating TB by 2025, and apart from treating patients who are already diseased with TB, it is crucial for our health system to foresee future TB patients and prevent them from getting diseased. According to the Guidelines for Programmatic Management for Tuberculosis Preventive Treatment in India (PMTPT), the following target groups have been identified for TPT initiation:

- People Living with HIV (PLHIV)
- All Household Contacts (HHCs) of Pulmonary TB patients
- Individuals on immunosuppressive therapy
- People with Silicosis
- People on Anti-TNF treatment
- Patients on dialysis
- Patients preparing for organ or hematologic transplant

As the guidelines further mention, ruling out active TB is mandatory before initiating TPT. The algorithm below is a useful guide to help map your TPT regimen:



TB has been a silent epidemic that has deeply affected our nation for years, and now, medication and our healthcare system is equipped to ensure that this (medically and financially) strenuous disease does not have to affect such a large section of our population. Which is why, it is imperative that our medical community plays a proactive role in curbing the spread of TB disease.

Our community has already shown such resilience in combating the COVID-19 pandemic, and in the past, we have come together to ensure a notorious disease like polio is eradicated. Let us now come together to channelise this resilience in eliminating TB from our country, and ensure TB Haarega, Desh Jeetega!



**WORLD ANTIMICROBIAL AWARENESS WEEK (WAAW-(18 TO 24 NOVEMBER)****No time to wait, Securing the future from drug-resistant infections**

WAAW was previously called World Antibiotic Awareness Week. Since 2020, it has been called World Antimicrobial Awareness Week. This reflects the broadened scope of WAAW to include all antimicrobials including antibiotics, antifungals, antiparasitics and antivirals, since resistance is spreading across all type of pathogens. Held annually since 2015, WAAW is a global campaign that aims to raise awareness of antimicrobial resistance worldwide and encourage best practices among the general public, health workers and policy makers to slow the development and spread of drug-resistant infections. Initially stated with theme “Antibiotics, Handle with Care.” was changed to “Antimicrobials, Handle with Care” in 2020. This year 2022 theme being “Preventing Antimicrobial Resistance Together”

WHO has declared that AMR is one of the top 10 global public health threats facing humanity. Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) occurs when bacteria, viruses, fungi and parasites change over time and no longer respond to medicines, making infections harder to treat and increasing the risk of disease spread, severe illness and death. Researchers estimated that AMR in bacteria caused an estimated 1.27 million deaths in 2019. Especially alarming is the rapid global spread of multi- and pan-resistant bacteria (also known as “superbugs”) that cause infections that are not treatable with existing antimicrobial medicines. The most critical group includes multidrug resistant bacteria that pose a particular threat in hospitals, nursing homes, and among patients whose care requires devices such as ventilators and blood catheters. They include *Acinetobacter*, *Pseudomonas* and various *Enterobacteriaceae* (including *Klebsiella*, *E. coli*, *Serratia*, and *Proteus*). They can cause severe and often deadly infections such as bloodstream infections and pneumonia. These bacteria have become resistant to a large number of antibiotics, including carbapenems and third generation cephalosporins – the best available antibiotics for treating multi-drug resistant bacteria.

The rate of resistance to ciprofloxacin, an antibiotic commonly used to treat urinary tract infections, varied from 8.4% to 92.9% for *Escherichia coli* and from 4.1% to 79.4% for *Klebsiella pneumoniae*. Resistance in *K. pneumoniae* to last resort treatment (carbapenem antibiotics) has spread to all regions of the world. *K. pneumoniae* is a major cause of hospital-acquired infections such as pneumonia, bloodstream infections, and infections in newborns and intensive-care unit patients. *E. coli* resistant to third generation cephalosporins was 36.0%. Colistin is the only last resort treatment for life-threatening infections caused by carbapenem resistant *Enterobacteriaceae* (i.e. *E. coli*, *Klebsiella*, etc). Even bacteria resistant to colistin have also been detected in several countries and regions, People with methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) infections are 64% more likely to die than people with drug-sensitive infections.

Widespread resistance in highly variable strains of *N. gonorrhoeae* has compromised the management and control of gonorrhoea. Resistance has rapidly emerged to sulphonamides, penicillins, tetracyclines, macrolides, fluoroquinolones, and early generation cephalosporins. Antibiotic resistant *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* strains are threatening progress in containing the global tuberculosis epidemic. WHO estimates that, in 2018, there were about half a million new cases of rifampicin-resistant TB (RR-TB) identified globally, of which the vast majority have multi-drug resistant TB (MDR/RR-TB). Less than 60% of those treated for MDR/RR-TB are successfully cured.



Similarly resistant to Malaria, HIV and fungal pathogens are also increasing. This causes significant human & animal lives and production losses worldwide, especially in low- and middle-income countries. (LMICs).

AMR occurs naturally over time, usually through genetic changes. Antimicrobial resistant organisms are found in people, animals, food, plants and the environment (in water, soil and air). They can spread from person to person or between people and animals, including from food of animal and plant origin. The main drivers of antimicrobial resistance include:

- The misuse and overuse of antimicrobials
- Lack of access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) for both humans and animals
- Poor infection and disease prevention and control in health-care facilities and farms
- Poor access to quality, affordable medicines, vaccines and diagnostics
- Lack of awareness and knowledge
- Lack of enforcement of legislation.

Many of the same microbes infect animals and humans, as they share the eco-systems they live in. Drug-resistant microbes can be transmitted between animals and humans through direct contact between animals and humans or through contaminated food. A dominant source of agricultural antibiotic contamination (75%) is through the antibiotics ingested by animals passing unaltered through their digestive tracts, with the result that antibiotics are released in the field directly in feces or urine, or indirectly through the application of manure as fertilizer. Another source is the irrigation of crops using wastewater containing antibiotics contamination. Certain pharmaceutical compounds (such as tetracycline, oxytetracycline, sulphamethasine, sulphamethoxazole, trimethoprine, ofloxacin, ciprofloxacin, amoxicillin etc.) can be absorbed by food plants (such as wheat, corn, rice, lettuce, cabbage, spinach, carrot, cucumber, tomato, and potato) from the soil through their roots and accumulate. Genes conferring resistance to antimicrobials, including resistance to drugs used to treat human and animal infections are found among bacteria isolated from foods of plant origin. These micro organism enter in to human system and spread AMR.

Some of the drugs that are used in human and veterinary medicine (e.g., streptomycin, tetracyclines, triazoles etc) are also used to control plant diseases. Thus, resistance that develops in one sector can be transferred across sectors and species.

AMR is a problem that affects everyone. Medical procedures, such as surgery, including caesarean sections or hip replacements, cancer chemotherapy, and organ transplantation, will become more risky so to effectively contain it, a well-coordinated approach in humans and in animals are required.

New antibacterials are urgently needed – for example, to treat carbapenem-resistant gram-negative bacterial infections as identified in the WHO priority pathogen list. However, if people do not change the way antibiotics are used now, these new antibiotics will suffer the same fate as the current ones and become ineffective.

A global action plan to tackle the growing problem of resistance to antibiotics and other antimicrobial medicines was endorsed in 2015. One of the key objectives of the plan is to improve awareness and understanding of AMR through effective communication, education and training.





Efforts by just one sector cannot prevent or eliminate the problem, thus, professionals with a range of expertise in different sectors - e.g. public health, animal health, plant health and the environment - should join forces to support One Health approaches.

Importantly, the adoption of good agricultural practices that limit total microbial contamination of foods of plant origin is a critical first step in reducing the introduction of AMR organisms into the food chain.

Strong antimicrobial stewardship practices, such as treating only after a correct diagnosis, appropriate application and dosing are important in reducing AMR in animal and human being..

Greater innovation and investment is required in operational research, and development of new antimicrobial medicines, vaccines, and diagnostic tools.

Infection control Practices need to be strengthened. A paradigm shift in behaviour and management is needed to reduce AMU (antimicrobial use).

Let's do it Together to Prevent Antimicrobial Resistance.

GO BLUE for AMR tomorrow.

-Wear light blue.

-Adjust your social media profiles to blue.

-Light your Hospital/Nursing homes/Diagnostic centre blue.

**Dr. Sahajanand Pd. Singh**  
National President, IMA

**Dr. Jayesh Lele**  
Hony. Secretary General

**Dr Narendra Saini**  
Microbiologist  
Assessor NABH and NABL  
Member, Delhi Medical Council

**Indian Medical Association**

**WORLD ANTIMICROBIAL AWARENESS WEEK**  
18 - 24 NOVEMBER, 2022

**World Health Organization**

**HANDLE ANTIMICROBIALS WITH CARE**

-Antibiotics	•Dose as prescribed	-एंटी-बायोटिक	• डॉक्टर द्वारा निर्धारित खुराक ले !
-Antivirals	• On time	-एंटी-वायरल	• समय अनुसार खुराक ले !
-Antifungals	• Complete the Course	-एंटी-फंगल	• कोर्स पूरा करे
-Antiparasitics		-एंटी-पैरासाइट	

**NEVER USE ANTIBIOTICS WITHOUT PRESCRIPTION OF REGISTERED HEALTH PROFESSIONAL**

**पंजीकृत चिकित्सक के परामर्श के बिना कभी भी एंटीबायोटिक्स का उपयोग न करें!**

**PREVENTING ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE TOGETHER - आओ मिलकर एंटी माइक्रोबियल प्रतिरोध को खत्म करे !**

**Final result of IMA National Elections 2022-24**

S. No.	Post	Year	Name	State
1	National President Elect (One)	2022-2023	Dr Sharad Kumar Agarwal	Uttar Pradesh
2	National President Elect (One)	2023-2024	Dr R V Asokan	Kerala
3	National Vice Presidents Elect (Four)	2022-2023	Dr Jayesh M Lele Sr. National Vice President by seniority	Maharashtra
4			Dr Sachchidanand Kumar	Bihar
5			Dr Shailesh H Shah	Gujarat
6			Dr Daggumati Shree Harirao	Andhra Pradesh
7	National Vice Presidents Elect (Four)	2023-2024	Dr R Gunasekaran Sr. National Vice President as he has secured maximum number of votes	Tamilnadu
8			Dr Suresh Gutta	Telangana
9			Dr Ashok Sharda	Rajasthan
10			Dr Shiv Kumar Utture	Maharashtra
11	Dean, IMA-CGP (One)	2022-2023	Dr Rayapu Ramesh Babu	Andhra Pradesh
12	Dean, IMA-CGP (One)	2023-2024	Dr Satyajit Borah	Assam
13	Chairman, IMA-AMS (One)	2022-2023	Dr Pankaj Mutneja	Haryana
14	Chairman, IMA-AMS (One)	2023-2024	Dr Nomeeta Shiv Gupta	Delhi
15	Director, AKN Sinha Institute (One)	2022-2023	Dr G N Prabhakara	Karnataka






16	Director, AKN Sinha Institute (One)	2023-2024	Dr Ramneek Singh Bedi	Chandigarh
17	Hony. Editor, JIMA (One)	2022-2023	Dr Nandini Chatterjee	West Bengal
18	Hony. Editor, JIMA (One)	2023-2024	Dr Sanjoy Banerjee	West Bengal
19	Hony. Secretary General (One)	2022-2024	Dr Anilkumar J Nayak	Gujarat
20	Hony. Finance Secretary (One)	2022-2024	Dr Shitij Bali	Delhi
21	Hony. Joint Secretaries from NCR (Two)	2022-2024	Dr Prakash Lalchandani	Delhi
22			Dr Munish Prabhakar	Haryana
23	Hony. Joint Secretary from rest of the country (One)	2022-2024	Dr M Venkatachalapathy	Karnataka
24	Hony. Joint Secretary Stationed at Calcutta (One)	2022-2024	Dr Pradeep Kumar Nemani	West Bengal
25	Hony. Joint Finance Secy. from rest of the country (One)	2022-2024	Dr Mahendra Nath Thareja	Rajasthan
26	Hony. Joint Finance Secy. stationed at Calcutta (One)	2022-2024	Dr Sarbari Datta	West Bengal
27	Hony. Assistant Secretary from NCR (One)	2022-2024	Dr Thakur Padmanabhan	Delhi
28	Hony. Assistant Secretary from rest of the country (One)	2022-2024	Dr Paramjit Singh Maan	Punjab
29	Hony. Assistant Secretary, Stationed at Kolkata, JIMA (One)	2022-2024	Dr Minakshi Gangopadhyay	West Bengal
30	Vice Dean, IMA-CGP (One)	2022-2024	Dr Poonam Singh	Uttar Pradesh
31	Hony. Secretary, IMA-CGP (One)	2022-2024	Dr R Anburajan	Tamil Nadu




32	Hony. Joint Secy., IMA CGP from Tamilnadu (Two)	2022-2024	Dr M Thiraviam Mohan	Tamil Nadu
33			Dr D Senthil Kumar	Tamil Nadu
34	Hony. Joint Secy., IMA CGP from Other states (Four)	2022-2024	Dr Yeshwant Vasantryao Gade	Maharashtra
35			Dr Pavankumar N Patil	Karnataka
36			Dr Satish Joshi	Madhya Pradesh
37			Dr Sunil Bhikhabhai Chenwala	Gujarat
38	Vice Chairman, IMA – AMS (One)	2022-2024	Dr Nibedita Pani	Orissa
39	Hony. Secretary, IMA –AMS (One)	2022-2024	Dr Srirang Abkari	Telangana
40	Hony. Joint Secy., IMA AMS (Two)	2022-2024	VACANT	
41			VACANT	
42	Editor ANNALS-IMA AMS (One)	2022-2024	VACANT	
43	Executive Editor ANNALS-IMA AMS (One)	2022-2024	VACANT	
44	Hony. Executive Secretary, IMA AKN Sinha (One)	2022-2024	Dr Sanjiv Ranjan Kumar Singh	Bihar
45	Hony. Joint Secretary, IMA AKN Sinha (Two)	2022-2024	Dr Deepak Kumar Singh	Bihar
46			Dr Parul Vadgama	Gujarat
47	Hony. Associate Editors, JIMA (Two)	2022-2024	Dr Ranjan Bhattacharyya	West Bengal
48			Dr Prasanta Kumar Bhattacharyya	West Bengal
49	Hony. Secretary, JIMA (One)	2022-2024	Dr Sibabrata Banerjee	West Bengal




50	Hony. Editor, Your Health (One)	2022-2024	Dr Kakoli Sen Mandal	West Bengal
51	Hony. Associate Editors, Your Health (Two)	2022-2024	Dr Sankar Sengupta	West Bengal
52			Dr Bibartan Saha	West Bengal
53	Hony. Secretary, Your Health (One)	2022-2024	Dr Samrendra Kumar Basu	West Bengal
54	Hony. Editor, Apka Swasthya (One)	2022-2024	Dr Sudhir Singh	Uttar Pradesh
55	Associate Editor, Apka Swasthya (Two)	2022-2024	Dr Arun Kumar Tripathi	Uttar Pradesh
56			VACANT	
57	Hony. Secretary, Apka Swasthya (One)	2022-2024	Dr Ritu Garg	Uttar Pradesh
58	Chairman, IMA-HBI (One)	2022-2024	Dr A K Ravikumar	Tamilnadu
59	Hony. Secretary, IMA-HBI (One)	2022-2024	Dr Dinesh Bhujangrao Thakare	Maharashtra
60	Treasurer, IMA-HBI (One)	2022-2024	Dr Rajeev Balkrishna Agarwal	Maharashtra

  
Dr. Ravish Wankhedkar  
Chief Election Commissioner

  
Dr. Brajnandan Kumar  
Member

  
Dr. Mahesh B. Patel  
Member

  
Dr. Vinod Khetarpal  
Member





## Branch Activities







Branch Activities



Branch Activities

STATE	BRANCH	TYPE OF EVENT	EVENT	DATE
Telangana	State Branch	Ceremony	A Medical symposium and healthcare Awards ceremony was conducted in association with Hybiz TV at Novotel. The Ceremony was attended by State President Dr. M. Sampath Rao and IMA AMS National Secretary Dr. Sanjeev Singh Yadav.	08-Oct-22
Tamilnadu	State Branch	Workshop	Echo Workshop was conducted at Ramanathapuram. Dr.Jawahar Farook gave a talk on Cardiopathy and Advanced Imaging	09-Oct-22
Maharashtra	Mumbai	Camp	IMA Mumbai Branch organized Blood Donation Camp at Indian Institute of Technology, Powai. Total 347 Units of blood were collected.	15-Oct-22
Maharashtra	Mumbai	Webinar	A Webinar was organised on the occasion of "World Mental Health Day". Dr. Henal Shah spoke on "More than Sad!", Dr. Rahul Ghadge spoke on "295- A Psychiatric Disorder ", Dr. Alkesh Patil spoke on " Child Psychiatry in Day to Day Practice ", Dr. Aditya Anvekar spoke on "De - Addiction", Mr. Adit Kapoor spoke on "Market Outlook". Total 890 delegates attended this Webinar.	16-Oct-22
Goa	Bardez	Camp	IMA BARDEZ in association JCI & Goa State AIDS Control Society , organised a Blood Donation Camp. The Blood Donation was held at the Asilo Hospital, Mapusa.	17-Oct-22
Tamilnadu	Dindigul	Day	World Alzheimer's Day awareness programme at IMA hall, Dindigul. Senior consultant Neurologist Dr. Thirumalai Rajan delivered the awareness speech.	21-Oct-22
Telangana	L. B Nagar	CME	A CME was conducted on the topic of "Radiation Oncology in 21st Century and Oncology Treatment-Base,Basis and Basics" at Amaravati Banquets	22-Oct-22
Uttar Pradesh	Lakhimpur	Campaign	Breast Cancer awareness campaign has been done at Lakhimpur TK College , North Lakhimpur. The programme was initiated by IMA N. Lakhimpur Branch in association with the College in order to create awareness on Breast Cancer, promote activities which recognise the necessity of early detection, treatment, and preventive tips to avoid the ailments.	22-Oct-22
Goa	Tiswadi	Camp	IMA GOA STATE with IMA Tiswadi held a mega health camp at Goa Pharmacy College . It evoked a spontaneous response. Medicine, Skin, Orthopedic, Surgical and Gynecological examinations were conducted at the Camp.	22-Oct-22
Goa	Tiswadi	Seminar	An online seminar was organised by IMA TISWADI to observe 'World Arthritis Day'2022'. The Guest Speaker was Dr. Sunny Kamat, consultant Orthopedic Surgeon, Manipal Hospital, Dona Paula.	22-Oct-22
Karnataka	Sirsi	Talk	A Talk was conducted on the topic of "Health for healthcare workers" by Dr Geeta Doppa HOD OBGY KVG Sullia	22-Oct-22
Tamilnadu	Dindigul	CME	A CME was conducted on the topic of "Cancer in Women" by Radiation Oncologist Dr.K.Muthiah & Consultant Gynecologist Dr. M. Priyadharshini. Vadamalayan hospital	25-Oct-22
Maharashtra	Mumbai	Camp	IMA Mumbai Branch organized Blood Donation Camp at Parel Village, Parel in association with Tarun Vikas Mitra Mandal. Total 66 Units of blood were collected.	26-Oct-22
Tamilnadu	Dindigul	Programme	World Rabies Day Awareness programme was conducted at IMA hall, Dindigul. Consultant Physician Dr. Niranjana delivered the awareness speech.	28-Oct-22





### Branch Activities

Kerala	Perinthalmanna	Campaign	IMA Perinthalmanna in association with NSS Malappuram district conducted campaign against lahari. Campaign meeting was arranged at Moulana hospital.	28-Oct-22
Tamilnadu	State Branch	Day	World Stroke Day was conducted . Dr.V.Arul Selvan gave a talk on Acute Stroke Management, Professor.Dr.K.V.Karthikeyan gave a talk on Role of Neurosurgeon in the Management of Stroke, Dr.P.Muthurajan gave a talk on Mechanical Thrombectomy for Acute Ischemic Stroke there were about 75 participants with TNMC 0.5 credit hours.	28-Oct-22
Goa	Tiswadi	Camp	Adolescent Health check up Camp at Isha Krupa Sadan Siolim Goa, was organized by IMA Goa State, IMA Goa State Adolescent Health Cell along with IAP goa, and NGO SCAN	28-Oct-22
Telangana	Hyderabad City	CME	A CME was conducted on the topic of "Molecular biomarker testing in lung cancer, modern trends in anal canal disease" at Kirloskar hall, IMA Building, Koti, Hyderabad.	29-Oct-22
Kerala	Perinthalmanna	Training Programme	COLS and ELS training was conducted to paramedics at Perinthalmanna under the leadership of Prasanth	29-Oct-22
Kerala	Perinthalmanna	Day	IMA Perinthalmanna in association with Moulana hospital observed world stroke day on at academic hall of Moulana.	29-Oct-22
Madhya Pradesh	Gwalior	Programme	International Dance and Music Festival was organised at Greewood Public School, Gwalior.	29-Oct-22
Madhya Pradesh	Gwalior	awareness Programme	Cancer awareness program was conducted at CHRI by Dr. Monika Diwan and Dr. Gunjan Shrivastava	29-Oct-22
Madhya Pradesh	Gwalior	CME	A CME was conducted on the topic of "National TB Elimination Program Guidelines: by Deepak Foundation (PPSA) & NTEP, Gwalior	29-Oct-22
Karnataka	Sirsi	Awareness Programme	"Breast cancer awareness and cervical cancer awareness jata" was held by IMA Women doctors wing jointly with Innerwheel club sirsi Heritage and rotary club sirsi.	29-Oct-22
Kerala	Perinthalmanna	Programme	IMA Perinthalmanna in association with Moulana hospitals conducted awareness program on obesity and over weight. Dr. Marthanda Pillai past National President of IMA was inaugurated the meeting and Dr. KA Seethi past president of IMA Perinthalmanna presided the meeting.	30-Oct-22
Kerala	Thrissur	Webinar	IMA Thrissur joined with the hands of Indian Menopause Society (IMS) at IMS President' Webinar Series. Speaker was Dr Shobhana Mohandas, Chairpersons Dr Rajani Agarwal and Dr Ranu Patni.	01-Nov-22
Kerala	Thrissur	Meeting	IMA Thrissur Combined Executive Committee Meeting was held at IMA House Thrissur. President Dr. Sobhana Mohandas Presided the Meeting.	10-Nov-22
Bihar	Bhabhua	Rally	A vaccination awareness rally was conducted by IMA Bhabhua branch on the occasion of World Vaccination day	11-Nov-22
Kerala	Thrissur	Camp	IMA Thrissur Conducted free Diabetic Camp on World Diabetes Day at Thekkinkad Maithanam.	14-Nov-22
Kerala	Thodupuzha	Camp	A medical camp was organised for elderly persons at Government old age home near Muthalokodam on the occasion of World Geriatric day.	14-Nov-22
Kerala	Thodupuzha	CME	A CME was conducted on the topic of -"An update on Els " by Dr Sanjoy- consultant intensivist and "Patient satisfaction" by Dr Skaria .	14-Nov-22
Goa	Tiswadi	Day	Elders Day function was organized by IMA GOA STATE along with Raj Bhavan Goa on the invitation of His Excellency The Governor of Goa Shri P.S.Sreedharan Pillai.	14-Nov-22

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The preliminary analysis of Adverse Drug Reaction (ADR) from the PvPI database revealed that the following suspected drug is associated with the ADR as given below.

**Table**

Sl. No.	Suspected Drug	Indication	Adverse Drug Reaction
1.	Amoxicillin	For treatment of urinary tract infections, upper respiratory-tract infections, bronchitis, pneumonia, otitis media, dental abscess, osteomyelitis, Lyme diseases in children, endocarditis prophylaxis, post-splenectomy prophylaxis, gynaecological infections, gonorrhoea, helicobacter pylori eradication enteric fever.	Fixed Drug Eruption

Healthcare Professionals, Patients/Consumers are advised to closely monitor the possibility of the above ADR associated with the use of above suspected drug. If, such reaction is encountered, please report to the NCC-PvPI, IPC by filling of Suspected Adverse Drug Reactions Reporting Form/Medicines Side Effect Reporting Form for Consumer (<http://www.ipc.gov.in>), through Android Mobile App “**ADR PvPI**” and **PvPI Helpline No. 1800-180-3024**.



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