

4th May 2025

INSTALLATION CEREMONY OF THE NEW TEAM OF IMA NAGPUR BRANCH



(Lt. to Rt. sitting) Dr. Jitendra Sahu, Dr. Vinky Rughwani, Dr. Rajesh Sawarbandhe, Hon'ble Mrs. Leena Srivastava (IRS), Dr. Santosh Kadam, Dr. Ashok Adhao, Dr. Manjusha Giri, Dr. Sachin Gathe and Dr. Prajakta Kaduskar.

(Lt. to Rt. Standing) Dr. Nitin Gupta, Dr. Ajay Deshpande, Dr. Yash Banait, Dr. Alok Umre, Dr. Aniruddha Deoke, Dr. Anjali Bhandarkar, Dr. Vaishali Khandait, Dr. Shubhangi Vairagade, Dr. Shivani Sule, Dr. Ramvilas Malani and Dr. Vaibhav Agrawal.

The Installation Ceremony of the new team of the Indian Medical Association (IMA), Nagpur Branch for the year 2025–26 was held on **Sunday, 4th May 2025**, at **IMA's J. R. Shaw Auditorium, North Ambazari Road, Nagpur**.

The new team is led by **Dr. Rajesh Sawarbandhe** as President, with **Dr. Jitendra Sahu** as Hon. Secretary. The team also includes **Dr. Sachin Gathe** as President-Elect; **Dr. Alok Umre** and **Dr. Aniruddha Deoke** as Vice Presidents; **Dr. Shivani Sule (Bidaye)** as Hon. Treasurer; and **Dr. Anjali Bhandarkar** and **Dr. Yash Banait** as Joint Secretaries.

Additionally, **Dr. Ajay Deshpande** has taken over as Chairman and **Dr. Shubhangi Vairagade** as Hon. Secretary of the IMA AMS, Nagpur Chapter. **Dr. Nitin Gupta** continued as Assistant Director of Studies, and **Dr. Ramvilas Malani** as Hon. Assistant Secretary of IMA CGP, Nagpur Chapter.

Honourable Shri Nitinji Gadkari, Minister of Road Transport and Highways, Government of India, and **Dr. Shrikantji Shinde**, Member of Parliament, Kalyan, were unable to attend the function due to unavoidable circumstances. However, they have graciously extended their warm wishes to **Dr. Rajesh Sawarbandhe** and **Team IMA 2025–26** for a successful and impactful tenure.

The Chief Guest for the event was **Hon'ble Mrs. Leena Srivastava (IRS)**, **Chief Commissioner, Income Tax**, who congratulated the new team and appreciated IMA

Nagpur's contributions to the fraternity and the society.

Dr. Vinky Rughwani, Administrator of the Maharashtra Medical Council, Mumbai, graced the occasion as Guest of Honour and enlightened about digitalization of Maharashtra Medical Council.

Dr. Ashok Adhao, Patron of IMA Maharashtra State and IMA Nagpur, congratulated the newly appointed IMA team and advised members to proactively engage with the media in the event of any incidents occurring in their hospitals.

The event was presided over by **Dr. Santosh Kadam**, President of IMA Maharashtra State. He shared the factual details surrounding the Dinanath Mangeshkar Hospital incident, emphasizing the innocence of Dr. Ghaisas. Dr. Kadam also highlighted the grave challenges currently facing the healthcare system in Maharashtra. He pointed out that small clinics and hospitals are being forced to shut down at an alarming rate of 5% per year, primarily due to stringent regulations being imposed retrospectively—regulations that smaller healthcare institutions struggle to comply with.

In his acceptance speech, Dr. Rajesh Sawarbandhe announced this year's theme: **"I to We... Illness to Wellness"** reflecting a vision to promote collective well-being and a holistic approach to healthcare. He further shared plans to organize a **National Conference on Osteoporosis**—the first of its kind—with the support of fellow sister organizations. Conference on Zoonotic diseases in winter, NIMACON with YOUTHCON in 1st week of October.

He informed that for the members aged 60 and above "60+ Club" was started with 1st activity "Music classes – Balak Mandir" and very soon IMA is going to start mentoring program for old age members.

The ceremony was efficiently anchored by **Dr. Abhijeet Ambhaikar** and **Dr. Shubhangi Vairagade**.

A formal vote of thanks was proposed by **Dr. Jitendra Sahu**, Hon. Secretary, IMA Nagpur.

The new team of IMA Nagpur was felicitated by various medical associations, NGOs, Social groups and individuals.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from doctors, their families, and well-wishers in large numbers, making the evening a memorable one.

5th May 2025

IMA OBSERVED WORLD HAND HYGIENE DAY



On the occasion of *World Hand Hygiene Day* on 5th May 2025, the Indian Medical Association (IMA) Nagpur branch organized a special awareness session emphasizing the importance of proper hand hygiene in healthcare settings at Nelson Hospital.

Dr. Yash Banait, Hon. Joint Secretary of IMA Nagpur, delivered an insightful talk on the significance of hand hygiene in preventing healthcare-associated infections. He highlighted best practices, WHO guidelines, and the critical role healthcare workers play in promoting patient safety through effective hand hygiene.

The session was well received, with **43 nurses** from various healthcare institutions attending the program. The event concluded with an interactive Q&A session and a reaffirmation of the commitment to hand hygiene as a fundamental part of patient care.

8th May 2025

IMA OBSERVED WORLD THALASSEMIA DAY



On the occasion of World Thalassemia Day IMA Nagpur in association with Academy of Paediatrics, Thalassemia and Sickle Cells Centre, Nagpur organized a public forum for Thalassemia patients and their relatives on 8th May 2025 at IMA Annex.

Theme: "Together for thalassemia: Uniting Communities, Prioritizing patients"

Dr. Rajesh Sawarbandhe, Dr. Jitendra Sahu, Dr. Manjusha Giri, Dr. Vinky Rughwani, Dr. Uday Bodhankar, Dr. Shilpa Hazare, and Dr. Sachin Gathe prominently present.

Approximately 45 thalassemia patients and their relatives present on this occasion.

9th May 2025

MEETING AT NMC



Dr. Jitendra Sahu, the Hon. Secretary of the Indian Medical Association (IMA), Nagpur Branch, participated in a meeting on vaccination held on 9th May 2025. The meeting took place at the office of the Additional Commissioner, Nagpur Municipal Corporation (NMC). The discussion focused on current vaccination strategies and public health initiatives in the region.

10th May 2025

WEBEX MEETING



Webex Meeting Summary

Topic: *Private Health Facility Preparedness in View of War Situations*

Organized by: Health Department, NMC (Nagpur Municipal Corporation), MOH (Medical Officer of Health)

A Webex virtual conference was convened by the Health Department of NMC under the leadership of the MOH to discuss and assess the preparedness of private health facilities in the context of potential war-related emergencies. The session focused on strategic planning, coordination mechanisms, and resource mobilization to ensure readiness for any mass casualty or public health crisis arising from war situations.

Key Points Discussed:

- Current status and capabilities of private health facilities.
- Resource availability: manpower, beds, ICU capacity, and emergency supplies.
- Communication protocols between public health authorities and private hospitals.
- Roles and responsibilities of private facilities during wartime emergencies.
- Integration of private facilities into the city's emergency response plan.
- Training and mock drills to enhance responsiveness.

Stakeholders from various private hospitals participated and expressed commitment to cooperate with government directives for emergency preparedness and response.

In the virtual conference Dr. Rajesh Sawarbandhe, President, Dr. Manjusha Giri Imm. Past President, Dr. Jitendra Sahu, Hon. Secretary, IMA Nagpur Dr Nivrutti Rathod Civil Surgeon, Dr. Deepak Selokar, MOH, Dr. Narendra Bahirwar, Addl. MOH were and Dr. Shantanu Sengupta were prominently present.

13th May 2025

IMA NAGPUR OBSERVED WORLD NURSES DAY



On the occasion of *World Nurses Day*, a special talk titled “आर्गन दान: जीवन का उपहार” (Organ Donation: A Gift of Life) was delivered by Dr. Anjali Bhandarkar, Hon. Jt. Secretary, IMA Nagpur at Suretech Hospital and Nursing College.

The session aimed to raise awareness about the importance and impact of organ donation in saving lives. Dr. Bhandarkar shared valuable insights on the medical, ethical, and emotional aspects of organ donation, as well as current procedures and legal guidelines in India. Her presentation was well-structured, informative, and deeply motivating.

The talk was attended by approximately **60** nursing professionals, along with other hospital and college staff members. Following the session, a question-and-answer segment was held, during which participants actively engaged with Dr. Bhandarkar, clarifying their doubts and sharing their perspectives.

The event successfully contributed to enhancing awareness and encouraging a positive outlook toward organ donation among healthcare providers. It was a fitting tribute to the spirit of nursing and care on Nurse’s Day.

Dr. Rajesh Sawarbandhe, President, Dr. Manjusha Giri, Imm. Past President, Dr. Jitendra Sahu, Hon. Secretary, IMA Nagpur Dr. Abhijeet Deshmukh Director, Suretec Hospital, Dr. Ramvilas Malani, Hon. Jt. Secretary IMA Maharashtra State and Medical Superintended Suretec Hospital prominently present during the event.

12th May 2025

FELICITATION OF NEWLY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF IMA NAGPUR



Felicitations of Newly elected President of IMA Nagpur Dr. Rajesh Sawarbandhe on Monday 12/05/2025 by Lions Club of Nagpur Medicos.

Charter president Dr. Ln. Anil Badwaik, club president Dr Charu Balwaik, secretary Mrs. Neha Deshmukh, Treasurer Mrs Darshani Jaiswal, Zone chairman Dr. Jyoti Dalal, Senior Lions Dr. Madhukar Kherde, Dr. Shyam Soni, Dr. Rajesh Ratkanthiwar, Vilas Bangre, Dr. Vinod Jaiswal, Dr. N. T. Deshmukh, Dr. Chandankhede, Dr Aniruddha Wagh, Dr. Bhushan Itkelwar. Dr. Pradeep Dalal, Dr. Prashant Somkuwar, Dr. Felicitations of Newly elected President of IMA Nagpur Dr. Rajesh Sawarbandhe by Lions Club of Nagpur Medicos. Suresh Mirzapure, Dr. Sanjay Deshmukh, Dr. Mrs. Rakanthiwar and all members of Lions club were present.

13th May 2025

IMA NAGPUR OBSERVED WORLD NURSES DAY



Nurses are the true backbone of the healthcare industry — the tireless workforce, the vital bridge between consultants and patients, the emotional healers, and the selfless caregivers. Their dedication deserves not only recognition but celebration.

On the occasion of World Nurses Day, at Nelson Hospital, in collaboration with the Indian Medical Association (IMA) Nagpur proudly hosted a special program to honor our incredible nursing staff. The event featured inspiring role plays by our nurses, providing a platform to showcase their remarkable talents beyond their essential patient care duties.

It was a day filled with joy, rejuvenation, and heartfelt celebration — a tribute to the healers in white and a moment to remember the legacy of Florence Nightingale. We thank each and every nurse for their unwavering commitment and compassion. They are the soul of our hospital.

Dr. Rajesh Sawarbandhe, Dr. Sachin Gathe, Dr. Manjusha Giri, Dr. Jitendra Sahu, Dr. Anjali Bhandarkar, Dr. Yash Banait and Dr. Shubhangi Vairagade prominently present. Total 186 Nurses attended the event.

20th May 2025

MEETING WITH CHIEF FIRE OFFICER

Many hospitals have recently received notices from the Fire Department regarding the need to comply with Fire NOC (No Objection Certificate) requirements.

In response to these notices, a delegation led by our President, **Dr. Rajesh Sawarbandhe**, along with **Dr. Anil Laddhad** and **Dr. Archana Kothari**, held a meeting with the **Chief Fire Officer** to address the concerns of the medical community.

During the meeting, we explained the challenges and difficulties faced by nursing homes and hospitals that were established prior to 2008 in obtaining Fire NOC retrospectively. The Chief Fire Officer acknowledged our concerns but emphasized that compliance with current fire safety regulations is mandatory.

However, in a positive development, he expressed willingness to hold a **joint meeting with hospital owners** to further discuss the matter. This meeting will be scheduled soon, and we encourage all concerned hospital owners to participate.

23rd May 2025

VISIT OF PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT



Dr. Ravi Wankhedkar, Past National President of the Indian Medical Association (IMA HQ) along with his wife visited the **IMA Nagpur office**. During his visit, Dr. Wankhedkar engaged in discussions covering various organizational issues and the working patterns of the IMA. His insights and experience were greatly appreciated by the local team, contributing to a constructive and meaningful exchange on strengthening the association's initiatives.

In the meeting Dr. Rajesh Sawarbandhe, Dr. Sachin Gathe, Dr. Manjusha Giri, Dr. Ashish Disawal, Dr. Ramvilas Malani, Dr. Ashok Adhao, Dr. Milind Naik, Dr. Y.S.Deshpande, Dr. Prashant Nikhade, Dr. Anand Kate, Dr. Archana Kothari, Dr. Anjali Bhandarkar, Dr. Yash Banait and Dr. Shubhangi Vairagade were prominently present.

31 May 2025

WORLD NO TOBACCO DAY AWARENESS



Indian Medical Association (IMA) Nagpur along with RST Regional Cancer Hospital, Nagpur, in association with the AIO & HNS Vidarbha, Academy of Medical Sciences, AMF, VAPM, VOS, OSN, MOS, Civil Surgeon District Hospital Nagpur, Shri Ayurvedic College, Lions Club of Medicos Nagpur, Lions Club of Nagpur Health City, JCI Medicos, Gurudev Seva Mandal, Snehanchal Palliative Care Centre, Nagpur Hedgewar Blood Bank, NOGS, and Association of Charitable Hospitals Nagpur, jointly organized an awareness program on the occasion of “World No Tobacco Day”, observed on 31st May 2025.

This year’s WHO theme—“**Bright Products. Dark Intentions. Unmasking the Appeal**”—shed light on the tobacco industry’s increasingly targeted campaigns aimed at youth through appealing packaging and deceptive marketing strategies.

1. LECTURE



Dr. Rajesh Sawarbandhe, in his keynote address, stated:

“It is alarming to see how aggressively the tobacco industry is marketing its products to the youth, often under the guise of being ‘cool’ or ‘safe.’ As healthcare professionals, it is our duty to unmask these tactics and educate the community, especially young minds, about the long-term health consequences. Let us pledge to make Nagpur a tobacco-free city and set an example for the rest of the nation.”

The event was graced by the presence of several dignitaries including:

- **Dr. Rajesh Sawarbandhe**, President, IMA Nagpur
- **Dr. Manjusha Giri**, Imm. Past President, IMA Nagpur
- **Dr. Sachin Gathe**, President Elect, IMA Nagpur
- **Dr. Jitendra Sahu**, Hon. Secretary, IMA Nagpur
- **Dr. Ajay Deshpande**, Chairman, IMA AMS, Nagpur Chapter
- **Dr. Nitin Gupta**, Hon. Asst. Director of Studies, IMA CGP Nagpur Chapter and President, AMF.
- **Dr. B. K. Sharma**, prominent member and supporter of the initiative
- **Dr. Sanjay Deotale** Past President IMA Nagpur & President VAPM.

2. PUBLIC RALLY



Approximately **250 doctors, students, and nurses** actively participated in a **public rally**, raising slogans and carrying placards to spread awareness about the dangers of tobacco use. The event aimed not only to raise awareness but also to inspire action among the youth and healthcare providers.

3. SKITS



Students of RST Cancer Hospital presented 3 different skits to spread the awareness of harmful effect of Tobacco.

The collaborative effort highlighted the collective commitment of medical and social organizations in Nagpur to fight against tobacco addiction and protect the next generation from its harmful influence.