

1st July 2026

DOCTORS' DAY CELEBRATION BY IMA NAGPUR



The Indian Medical Association (IMA), Nagpur, celebrated **Doctors' Day** on **1st July 2026** in fond remembrance of **Bharat Ratna Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy**, a pioneer in Indian medicine and a true symbol of dedication to the medical profession.

This year, the national theme for Doctors' Day, "**Behind the Mask: Who Heals the Healers?**", emphasized the emotional and mental challenges faced by healthcare professionals. It called for a more compassionate outlook from society towards doctors, acknowledging their need for support, empathy, and well-being beyond their clinical responsibilities.

Dr. Sachin Gathe, President, IMA Nagpur, formally welcomed the gathering and spoke about the importance of celebrating Doctors' Day to honor and recognize the selfless service of doctors who have been tirelessly saving lives across generations.

Chief Guest Dr. Vipin Itankar (IAS), Hon'ble Commissioner, Nagpur Municipal Corporation, Nagpur said that Girls are more in meritorious list while felicitating the wards of doctors and advised the students to opt for more competitive exams like IAS and IPS civil services and law. He also stressed upon BetiBachaoBetiPathao.

The event was presided over by **Dr. Milind Naik**, Past National Vice President and Past President IMA Maharashtra, and Mentor, IMA Nagpur. He extended his heartfelt greetings to the Indian Medical Association, Nagpur Branch, on this occasion of **National Doctors' Day 2026**.

Dr. Aniruddha Deoke, President Elect, IMA Nagpur, was also present on the dais.

Felicitation Ceremony

As a mark of respect and appreciation, IMA Nagpur felicitated several **senior doctors** for their exceptional contributions to society: The IMA Ratna Awardees were:

1. Dr. D. N. Balpande
2. Dr. Iqbal Khan
3. Dr. Ramesh Mundle
4. Dr. Bharti Taori
5. Dr. Kala Saboo
6. Dr. Savita Deshpande
7. Dr. Mahesh Kriplani
8. Dr. Krishna Parate
9. Dr. Gurmukh Butani
10. Dr. Jaspal Arneja
11. Dr. Anup Marar
12. Dr. Vinky Rughwani

Special felicitations were also given to:

- **Shri Aniket Shastri**, Senior Journalist, *Maharashtra Times*

Program Coordination

The proceedings were efficiently anchored by **Dr. Pallavi Als**i and **Dr. Aditya Parihar**

The event witnessed the esteemed presence of senior IMA members and dignitaries including:

- **Dr. Ashok Adhao**
- **Dr. Y.S. Deshpande**
- **Dr. Prashant Nikhade**
- **Dr. Sanjay Deshpande**
- **Dr. Ajay Kate**
- **Dr. B.K. Sharma**
- **Dr. Pradeep Rajderkar**
- **Dr. Vandana Kate**
- **Dr. Ashish Disawal**

The success of the event was the result of the hard work and dedication of the **IMA Nagpur Office Bearers**— **Dr. Mukund Ganeriwal**, **Dr. Prajakta Kaduskar**, **Dr. Manisha Rathi**, **Dr. Shankar Khogragade**, **Dr. Sanjay Jain**, **Dr. Ajay Deshpande** and **Dr. Shubhangi Vairagade**.

Dr. Anjali Bhandarkar, Hon. Secretary, IMA Nagpur, delivered the **vote of thanks**, expressing gratitude to all attendees, contributors, and organizing members. The program concluded with the **National Anthem**.

The celebration not only honored the noble profession but also brought the medical community together in a spirit of solidarity and appreciation.

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IMA ORGANIZED BLOOD DONATION CAMP ON DOCTORS' DAY



On the occasion of *Doctors Day 1st July 2026*, a **Mega Voluntary Blood Donation Camp** was organized by **IMA Nagpur**, in collaboration with several esteemed organizations including.

Indian Society of Anesthesiology, Vidarbha Association of Pathologists & Microbiologists, Lions Club of Nagpur Medicos, Lions Club Nagpur Vision, Lions club Health City, Rotray Club of Nagpur South East, Rotary Club of Nagpur Ishanya, Nagpur Chemists & Druggists Association, Maharashtra Sales & Medical Representative Association, Sakhe Sobati Foundation, Swaraj Youth Parliament, Girish Vyas Mitra Parivar, Lata Mangeshkar Hospital, Hingna, Punjab National Bank and Small Finance Bank, IDFC First Bank and Yashoda Hospital, Hyderabad.

Under the leadership of **Dr. Sachin Gathe**, President of IMA Nagpur, the camp was conducted with the noble goal of collecting blood for patients in need.

The event was graced by **Mrs. Shivani Dani**, Chairperson, Standing Committee, Nagpur Municipal Corporation, as the Chief Guest, and **Dr. Deepak Selokar**, Medical Officer of Health, Nagpur Municipal Corporation, as the Guest of Honour. They congratulated the office bearers of IMA Nagpur for successfully organizing the blood donation camp and commended the participating doctors for their selfless commitment to this noble cause in the service of society.

Over **73 units of blood** were collected during the camp. Each **voluntary blood donor** was honored with a **Blood Donor Card**, **Certificate**, and a **Memento**, acknowledging their selfless humanitarian service. Organizing partners were presented with a **Scroll of**

Honour in recognition of their invaluable contribution to society. Many donors pledged to continue supporting such causes in the future.

Dr. Anjali Bhandarkar, Hon. Secretary, IMA Nagpur, expressed heartfelt gratitude to all participants and donors for their generous support. President and Secretary of IMA Nagpur donated blood to encourage others.

Blood bank partners included **GSK** and Rainbow Medinova **Blood Bank**. The camp was widely appreciated by the general public for its well-coordinated efforts and social impact.

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SESSION ON HAEMO VIGILANCE AWARENESS PROGRAM



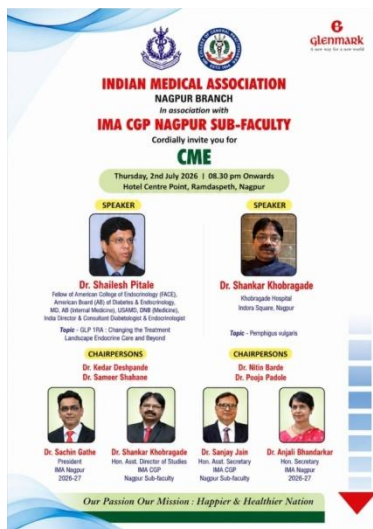
As part of the National Doctors' Day celebrations, the Indian Medical Association (IMA), Nagpur Branch organized a **Haemovigilance Awareness Program** on **1st July 2026** at IMA, Nagpur.

Dr. Ashish Khandelwal, GSK Blood Bank, delivered an informative session on **Haemovigilance**, highlighting the importance of enhancing blood transfusion safety through the identification, reporting, analysis, and prevention of adverse transfusion reactions and events. He emphasized the need for healthcare professionals to actively participate in haemovigilance reporting systems to improve patient safety and ensure quality transfusion practices.

The session was attended by **Dr. Sachin Gathe**, President, **Dr. Anjali Bhandarkar**, Hon. Secretary, **Dr. Mukund Ganeriwal**, Hon. Treasurer, **Dr. Aditya Parihar** and **Dr. Pallavi Als**i, Hon. Joint Secretaries, and **Dr. Sachin Makade**, Coordinator, IMA Nagpur Branch, who were prominently present during the program.

2nd July 2026

IMA NAGPUR ORGANIZES CME ON ADVANCES IN DIABETES AND PEMPHIGUS VULGARIS



The Indian Medical Association (IMA) Nagpur Branch, in association with the IMA CGP Nagpur Sub Faculty, organized a Continuing Medical Education (CME) programme on **"Update on Treatment in Diabetes and Pemphigus Vulgaris"** on **2nd July 2026** at **Hotel Centre Point, Ramdaspeth, Nagpur**.

Dr. Sachin Gathe, President, IMA Nagpur, delivered the keynote address and highlighted the importance of continuous medical education in keeping healthcare professionals abreast of the latest advances in patient care.

The first scientific session was delivered by **Dr. Shailesh Pitale**, Consultant in Diabetes and Endocrinology, on **"GLP-1 RA: Changing the Treatment Landscape in Endocrine Care and Beyond."** He discussed the evolving role of GLP-1 receptor agonists in the management of diabetes and their expanding benefits in endocrine and metabolic disorders.

The second session was conducted by **Dr. Shankar Khobragade**, Physician, Cardiologist, Diabetologist, and Tuberculosis Specialist, who delivered an insightful lecture on **Pemphigus Vulgaris**, covering its clinical presentation, diagnosis, and current treatment strategies.

The scientific sessions were chaired by **Dr. Kedar Deshpande, Dr. Sameer Shahane, Dr. Nitin Barde, and Dr. Pooja Padole**, who enriched the discussions with their valuable observations and interactive guidance.

Dr. Anjali Bhandarkar, Hon. Secretary, IMA Nagpur, proposed the vote of thanks. The programme was coordinated by Dr. Sanjay Jain, Hon. Assistant Secretary, IMA CGP Nagpur Chapter.

Around **30 delegates** participated in the CME and actively engaged in the scientific deliberations.

4th July 2026

IMA NAGPUR WELCOMES DR. BHAGWAT RAJPUT



IMA Nagpur is deeply honoured to welcome Dr. Bhagwat Rajput, Pro Vice-Chancellor of Sanskaram University, Professor & Head of Psychiatry, an eminent neuropsychiatrist, academician, and healthcare leader whose exemplary service to medicine continues to inspire the medical fraternity across the country.

26th July 2026

CME ON ROBOTIC SURGERY : PRESENT, PRACTICE AND FUTURE



Nagpur, July 26: The Indian Medical Association (IMA), Nagpur Branch, organised a CME on “Robotic Surgery” at Dr. Dinkar Hardas Hall, IMA Annex, Nagpur. The programme was attended by Dr. P. P. Joshi, AIIMS Nagpur, as the Chief Guest, and Dr. Raj Gajbhiye, Dean, Government Medical College, Nagpur, as the Guest of Honour.

The academic programme brought together medical professionals to discuss the evolution, current applications and future of robotic-assisted surgery.

The CME featured sessions on the basics of robotic surgery, the evolution and anatomy of surgical robots, building a successful robotic surgery programme, the impact of robotic technology on surgical practice, and the future of robotic surgery with Artificial Intelligence and automation. A panel discussion on “Robotic Surgery: Clearly Not a Hype, But Is There a Clear Winner?” further explored the advantages, limitations and future role of robotic surgery.

Experts highlighted that robotic surgery is not simply about replacing conventional surgery with a machine, but about enhancing the capabilities of the surgeon through

improved visualisation, greater precision and advanced technological assistance. They emphasised that the success of a robotic surgery programme depends not merely on acquiring the technology, but also on appropriate training, a skilled multidisciplinary team, proper patient selection and strong institutional infrastructure.

The experts further noted that the future of robotic surgery is likely to be closely linked with Artificial Intelligence, automation and data-driven decision-making. However, technology must remain patient-centric and should be adopted on the basis of demonstrable clinical benefit, safety, accessibility and cost-effectiveness.

During the panel discussion, experts deliberated on whether robotic surgery represents a clear winner over conventional and laparoscopic approaches. The discussion highlighted that robotic surgery offers significant advantages in selected procedures, but its role should be determined by the clinical situation, surgeon expertise, patient needs and available resources rather than by technology alone.

The programme was conducted under the guidance of Dr. Sachin Gathe, President, IMA Nagpur, and Dr. Anjali Bhandarkar, Hon. Secretary, IMA Nagpur. Dr. Abhishek Singh, Convener, and Dr. Abhinav Deshpande, Coordinator, played an important role in organising the CME. Dr. Shruti S. served as the MOC, while Dr. Ratan Roy was the MMC Observer.

