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## Glimpses of Annual General Body Meeting and Installation of New Team held on 31 st March 2025 at DMA Hall Darayganj, New Delhi

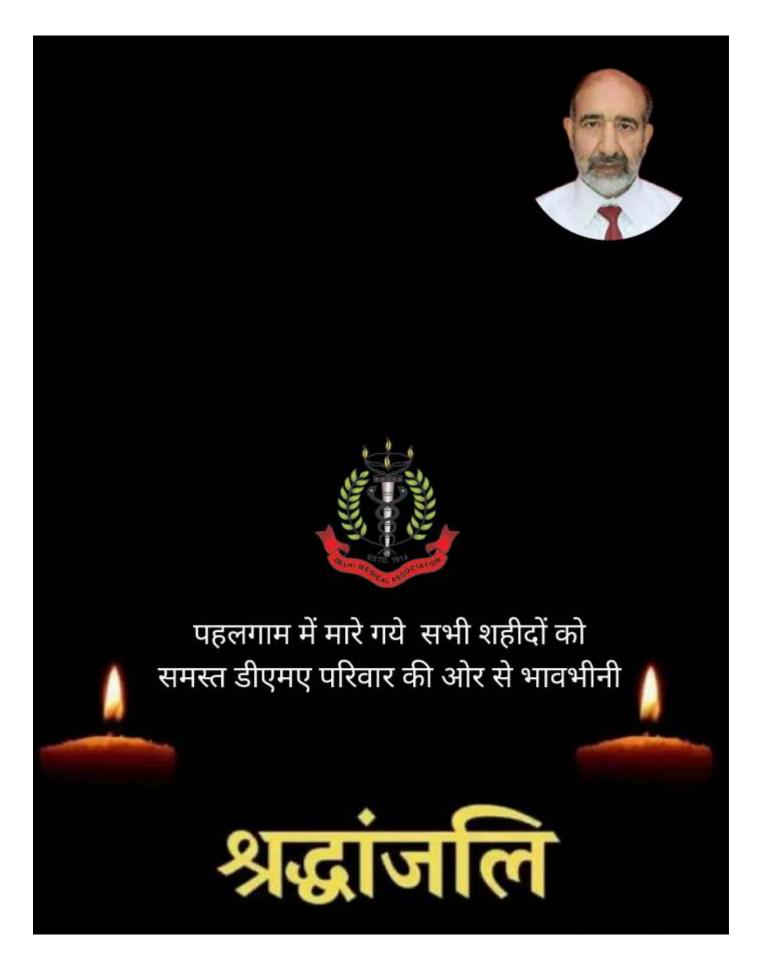


#### Glimpse of Sundarkand Path held on 1st April 2025 at DMA House

Delhi Medical Association organized a Sundarkand Path for the first time on 1st April 2025 at DMA Hall, Daryaganj, New Delhi, from 6:00 PM onwards. The path was performed by Shri Raghunath Ji Sundarkand Sankirtan Mandali, with singers Ms. Himanshi Tomar and Mr. Puneet Rana.

Members and guests attended the event and took blessings of the Almighty. Eminent personalities, including Mahant Naval Kishore Das MLA Krishna Nagar - Shri Dr. Anil Goyal, MLA Tri Nagar - Shri Tilak Ram Gupta, MLA Modal Town - Shri Ashok Goel and MLA Timarpur - Shri Surya Prakash Khatri.





#### Associate Editor's Pen...



**Dr Manjusha Goel** Associate Editor DMA

To all seniors and dear friends

#### Greetings from DMA.

We are extremely happy to present first edition of DMA Bulletin 2025-2026. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to entire senior leadership and office bearers of DMA for entrusting me for the role of Associate Editor DMA. A very thoughtful decision of involving more lady doctors in DMA working shows the modern progressive DMA. Most of times our members have very high hopes from DMA. But association strength is it's members. We can be heard and we should be heard. Shout out so high that we cannot be ignored. **Padharo Jee DMA Mai**.

Very beautiful heritage building, full of all amenity. Learning, enjoying and having food together is like revisiting our college days. We are hopeful for more members homecoming and participation in difficult time of medical fraternity. We have to help ourselves by making the organisation stronger.

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#### PLEASE NOTE AND BLOCK THE DATE FOR DMA FUTURE ACTIVITIES

Workshop on Capacity Building on Salt and Health in association on with Kidney Network Support

27th April 2025 | 9.00am-1.00pm

Guest of Honour-Dr. Atul Goel, Dr. Rajeev Sood and Dr. V.K. Paul,

#### **Mothers Day**

10th May 2025 | 6.00 PM onwards DMA House Daryaganj, New Delhi Chairperson - Dr. Neelam Lekhi

World No Tobacco Day- 31st May 2025 ( IMA DNZ and Rohini Branch)

Walk/Run | 6:00am-7:00am

Japanese Park, Rohini, Delhi (subject to venue availability)

Free Cancer Awareness and Screening Camp including Tobacco Cessation Clinic-10:00am – 02:00pm (DMA House)

**Continuing Medical Education (CME)** 08:00pm onwards (DMA House)

#### World Environment Day

5th June 2025 | 7.00am onwards Yamuna Khardar Area, Kartar Nagar, Delhi. Branches to continue program for 15 days Chairman: Dr. Ashwini Dalmiya

#### **Fathers Day**

15th June 2025 DMA House, Daryaganj Chairman - Dr. Rajeev Sood,

#### **World Yoga Day**

21st June 2025

Week long program with branches starting from 21 Jun 2025. Chairmen: Dr MK Taneja, Dr Girish Tiwari

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#### **OBITUARY**

DMA regrets to inform the sad and sudden demise of Dr. Debashish Bhattacharya (SDB Branch).

We pray almighty to give peace to the departed souls and give courage to the bereaved family to bear this irreparable loss.

President

Dr. Girish Tyagi

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Hony. Finance Secretary **Dr. A S Popli** 

### Secretary's Pen...



Dr. Satish Lamba Hony. State Secretary, DMA

I am extremely thankful to Dr. Girish Tyagi, President DMA as well as all of you who have reposed faith in me and have elected me unanimously as State Secretary of the prestigious Delhi Medical Association. While I am extremely conscious of the great responsibility as well as the great expectations from the profession.

I assure all the members that our team will work Followed by an Awareness cum Sensitization with commitment to the cause of the medical fraternity and the society at large. It will be our endeavour to restore glorious traditions of this prestigious organization as has been done by our Harjeet Singh Jaspal, Learned District Judge, who stalwarts in the past.

I believe, as a medical professional each one of us Some of the future events are as follow is the leader of the community and carries a strength to influence the mind of the people living in the society, somehow the time has come when we have to prove the strength of the profession as an opinion leader.

This year we have started with Sundarkand Path and took the blessing of God. Eminent dignitaries like , MLA Krishna Nagar Dr. Anil Goyal, MLA Tri Nagar, Tilak Ram Gupta, MLA Modal Town, Ashok Goel and MLA Timarpur Surya Prakash Khatri were also present and were seeking the blessing of God

also to congratulate the Team DMA for wonderful year ahead

DMA Celebrated WHO Day with IAP Delhi and DGF North and had a panel discussion on WHO Theme Healthy beginning Hopeful Futures on 6th April 2025 at DMA. Dr. Alka Singh Gurjar, National Secretary, BJP graced the occasion as Chief Guest. Session on Medico-Legal Challenges Faced by Doctors in relation to the POCSO Act, 2012 and the POSH Act, 2013 on 16th April 2025 by Hon'ble Sh. addressed the gathering as the Guest Speaker.

- Mother's Day on 10th May 2025
- World No Tobacco Day on 31st May 2025
- World Environment Day on 5th June 2025
- World Yoga Day 21st June 2025.
- Fathers Day- 15th June 2025

Once again, I assure you of my sincere dedication and commitment to fulfilling my duties and look forward to working alongside each of you in the service of our profession and our society.

#### **EXTRA ORDINARY GENERAL BODY MEETING NOTICE**

Extra ordinary general body meeting of Delhi Medical Association will be held on Thursday 29th May 2025 at 2:30 pm at DMA House, Daryaganj, New Delhi. You are requested to kindly make it convenient to attend the same. Meeting shall be Preceded by Lunch at 1:30 PM

- 1) To receive and confirm the minutes of Annual General Body Meeting held on 31st March, 2025.
- 2) To adopt the audited accounts for the preceding financial year i.e. w.e.f. 1.4.24 to 31.3.25 (to be presented by the Hony. Finance Secretary).
- 3) To appoint Auditor for the year 2025-26.
- 4) To appoint an Hony. Legal Advisor for the year 2025-26.
- 5) To approve the budget for the ensuing financial year 2025-2026 (to be presented by the Hony. State Secretary).

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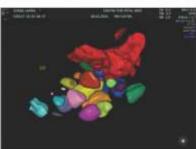
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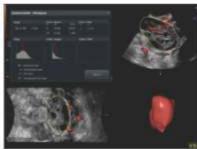
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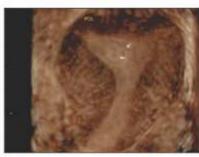






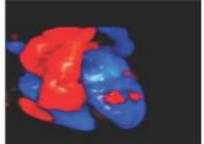














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# Why is Family Physician a more appropriate health care provider in our beleaguered health system for economical health care for all sections of the society?

By: Dr. Naresh Chawla DNB (Family Medicine), MAMS, FIAMS

#### Family Medicine: A Lifeline for India's Healthcare System

India, a nation of over 1.4 billion people, faces a formidable challenge in providing accessible, affordable, and quality healthcare to all its citizens. With stark disparities between urban and rural health infrastructure, a skewed doctor-to-population ratio, and an overburdened tertiary care system, the need for a revolutionary shift in healthcare delivery is undeniable. In this context, Family Medicine emerges as a beacon of hope—a comprehensive, accessible, and cost-effective solution uniquely suited to the Indian healthcare scenario.

#### Why Family Medicine is Ideal for India

Family Medicine is a specialty that provides continuous and comprehensive health care for individuals and families across all ages, genders, diseases, and parts of the body. It integrates biological, clinical, and behavioral sciences to provide a holistic approach to patient care. In developing countries like India, the model of Family Medicine is not just an option; it is a necessity.

- Accessibility and Continuity of Care: Most rural and semi-urban areas
  in India lack access to specialist care. A well-trained Family Physician can
  serve as the first point of contact for medical concerns, bridging the gap
  between the community and the healthcare system. Unlike specialists
  who treat specific ailments, Family Physicians manage a wide range of
  health conditions and provide continuity of care, which is vital for
  chronic disease management, preventive care, and early diagnosis.
- Affordability and Cost-Effectiveness: India's healthcare spending is among the lowest in the world in terms of GDP percentage. The out-ofpocket expenses for patients are alarmingly high. Family Physicians offer an economical alternative to the expensive specialist-driven model. By addressing most health issues at the primary level, they significantly reduce the need for costly referrals and investigations.
- Holistic and Preventive Approach: Family Medicine emphasizes
  preventive care and health education, which are crucial in a country
  grappling with both communicable and non-communicable diseases.
  From immunizations to nutrition counseling and lifestyle management,
  Family Physicians play a vital role in preventing diseases before they
  require advanced treatment.
- Cultural and Community Relevance: Family Physicians often serve in their own communities and understand the local language, customs, and health beliefs. This cultural competence fosters trust and encourages people to seek timely medical care, thereby improving health outcomes.

#### The Family Physician: Pillar of a Strengthened Healthcare System

India's beleaguered healthcare system suffers from overcrowded tertiary hospitals, uneven distribution of medical professionals, and a lack of coordination among healthcare services. The Family Physician model offers a pragmatic solution.

- Decentralized Healthcare Delivery: With a strong base of Family
  Physicians embedded in primary health centers, community clinics, and
  even private practice, the system becomes less dependent on tertiary
  institutions. This decentralization helps to decongest hospitals and
  makes health services more accessible.
- Efficient Resource Utilization: Family Physicians can handle up to 80%

of common health issues, allowing specialists to focus on complex cases. This optimal use of human resources enhances the efficiency of the entire system.

• Integrated Care and Referrals: As gatekeepers of the health system, Family Physicians ensure that patients receive appropriate and timely referrals. They coordinate care across different levels, reducing redundancy and improving patient outcomes.

#### Strategy for Healthcare for All

To achieve Health for All, India must adopt a multipronged strategy, with Family Medicine at its core:

- Strengthening Primary Health Infrastructure: Upgrade primary health centers with trained Family Physicians, adequate medicines, and basic diagnostic tools. Encourage community participation and integrate traditional knowledge with modern medicine where applicable.
- Medical Education Reform: Introduce and expand Family Medicine training in medical colleges. Make it a mandatory subject in undergraduate and postgraduate curricula. Encourage young doctors to choose Family Medicine through incentives, recognition, and career pathways.
- **Public-Private Partnerships**: Collaborate with private practitioners, NGOs, and philanthropic institutions to expand the reach of Family Physicians, especially in remote areas.
- Technology Integration: Leverage telemedicine, mobile health units, and digital health records to extend the reach of Family Physicians.
   These tools can bridge the urban-rural divide and facilitate real-time consultations, especially in underserved regions.

#### State-of-the-Art Technology for the Poorest

One of the most remarkable aspects of modern medicine is the potential to democratize advanced healthcare technologies. Through innovations like point-of-care testing, portable imaging devices, and Al-driven diagnostics, even the most marginalized communities can access state-of-the-art care. Family Physicians, equipped with these tools, can offer frontline services that were once only available in specialized centers.

Furthermore, mobile health platforms and community-based screening programs can identify high-risk individuals for diseases such as cancer, diabetes, and hypertension. By catching these diseases early, Family Physicians can initiate timely interventions and save lives.

#### **Inclusive Healthcare for All Segments**

An effective healthcare system must cater to the unique needs of children, women, the elderly, and the disabled. Family Physicians, trained to treat patients across the lifespan, are best suited for this inclusive model. They provide antenatal care, child immunization, geriatric counseling, mental health support, and disability management—all under one roof.

#### Conclusion

India's health crisis demands bold, innovative, and sustainable solutions. Family Medicine is not a luxury but a foundational necessity for building a resilient, equitable healthcare system. By empowering Family Physicians and integrating them into the national health strategy, India can realize the dream of Healthcare for All—a system where even the poorest of the poor have access to modern, compassionate, and cost-effective medical care.



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## Preserving Fertility in the Face of Time:

Understanding Age-Related Fertility Decline and Modern Solutions

By Dr. Niti Vijay IVF Specialist | Director – The Clinics Associated with Aveya Fertility, Phoenix Hospitals, and Apollo Hospitals 9560978713;drniti2004@gmail.com

For many women, the ideal time to start a family doesn't always align with their biological clock. As age advances, particularly beyond 30, fertility begins to decline, and after 35, this decline becomes more significant. This is primarily due to the reduced number and quality of eggs in the ovaries, which can impact natural conception and success with assisted reproductive techniques.

#### Why Does Fertility Decline with Age?

Every woman is born with a finite number of eggs. With age:

- Egg quantity reduces (Ovarian Reserve) -AMH values help confirm ovarian reserve
- Egg quality deteriorates, increasing the risk of chromosomal abnormalities—exposure to environmental pollution, food, lifestyle, etc.
- Cycle regularity may change, affecting ovulation, stress-induced, or other underlying causes.

By the early 40s, the chances of natural conception drop drastically, and the risk of miscarriage increases, including babies with Down syndrome.

## Hope with Fertility Preservation: Egg and Embryo Freezing

Advances in reproductive sciences have empowered women to take control of their biological clock by preserving their fertility through egg or embryo freezing. Is this ethical?

## Egg Freezing (Oocyte Cryopreservation-vitrification)

This option is ideal for:

- Women undergoing medical treatments (like chemotherapy) that may affect fertility
- · Women who wish to delay motherhood for

career, education, or personal reasons

The process involves stimulating the ovaries, retrieving mature eggs, and freezing them using vitrification (a rapid freezing method that ensures higher survival rates).

#### **Embryo Freezing**

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- Couples ready to fertilise eggs with sperm before delaying pregnancy
- Women undergoing IVF/ICSI who wish to preserve sound quality embryos for future use

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#### When Should You Consider It?

- Before undergoing any fertility-impacting medical treatments
- If you're not ready for parenthood now but wish to keep the option open

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# AYUSHMAN BHARAT IN DELHI: IMPLICATIONS FOR NURSING HOMES AND SMALL HOSPITALS

The implementation of the Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) in Delhi marks a turning point in public healthcare delivery, particularly for economically vulnerable populations. With over 60 lakh residents now eligible for cashless treatment under the scheme, the policy is expected to significantly improve access to essential secondary and tertiary healthcare services across the capital.

For Delhi's network of small hospitals and nursing homes—typically privately owned facilities with fewer than 50 beds—Ayushman presents both an opportunity and a challenge. These institutions have long served as the backbone of neighborhood healthcare, and Ayushman may help improve their bed occupancy and patient volume, especially in specialties like general surgery, orthopedics, and dialysis.

However, serious concerns remain regarding the financial feasibility of participating in the scheme. The reimbursement rates under Ayushman are often lower than the cost of providing quality care in Delhi, where rentals, salaries, consumables, and utilities are significantly more expensive than in Tier 2 or rural areas. Many nursing homes fear they may be forced to operate at a loss if they take on high-cost procedures under current package rates.

Administrative hurdles are another major concern. Smaller hospitals typically do not have the in-house manpower to manage complex documentation, upload claim data in real-time, and respond to audit queries. Payment delays—ranging from weeks to several months—can severely strain the cash flow of these establishments, most of which operate on limited working capital.

Additionally, there is rising anxiety about misuse of the scheme. There have been reports across India of individuals with ineligible incomes managing to obtain Ayushman cards through forged documents. Such abuse not only undermines the intent of the program but also floods the system with claims, overwhelming small hospitals and diverting resources away from truly needy patients.

To make Ayushman Bharat sustainable for small and mid-sized hospitals in Delhi, the government must consider a differentiated approach. This includes state-specific rate adjustments, simplified documentation norms, faster processing and payment cycles, and real-time fraud detection tools such as Aadhaar-linked verification and geo-tagging of hospital visits.

Delhi's small hospitals are ideally positioned to deliver accessible, community-based care under Ayushman. But unless their participation is made financially viable and administratively manageable, many may be forced to opt out of the program—weakening its potential to drive true universal health coverage.

#### WHO DAY CELEBRATIONS

On the occasion of **World Health Day**, Delhi Medical Association along with IAP Delhi, DGF, North is organized a seminar cum panel discussion on **Sunday**, **13th April 2025** at DMA House, Daryaganj on the WHO theme " **Healthy Beginning Hopeful Futures**".

**Dr. Alka Singh Gurjar, National Secretary, BJP** graced the occasion as Chief Guest and said that Hon'ble Prime Minister has a vision that every woman & child of this country should be healthy and full of opportunities only then our country will progress. For the same Govt. of India has organized a number of special programme dedicated to better health of the women and health Childhood.

"The programme was graced by eminent dignitaries like **Dr. Anil Goyal** (MLA, Krishna Nagar), **Dr. Rajiv Sood** (Vice Chancellor, BFUHS) & **Dr. D.S. Rana** (Chairman, Trustee Board, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital),

**Dr. Pankaj Garg** President, IAP spoke on NMR mortality along with **Dr. Achla Batra**, Chairperson IHCP division Still Birth society India on Tracing the strides: India's Fight Against Maternal Mortality" Panel discussion on logistic solutions was conducted by **Dr Shakuntla Kumar** President Delhi Gynae Forum North with eminent panelists such as Dr Sushil Vimal, Health Commissioner Maternal Health, Ministry, Ms. Kiran, Nursing Officer, LNJP, Dr Jyotsna Suri, Professor, Unit Head & In Charge, Critical Care Obstetrics, VMMC & Safdarjung Hospital, Delhi.



Glimpses of Awareness cum Sensitization Session on Medico-Legal Challenges Faced by Doctors in relation to the POCSO Act, 2012 and the POSH Act, 2013 on 16 th April 2025 at DMA House Daryaganj, New Delhi

Delhi Medical Association endeavours towards empowering doctors with legal knowledge and ensuring ethical medical care in alignment with the law, a session was held at DMA House, Daryaganj, New Delhi, and was graced by **Hon'ble Sh. Harjeet Singh Jaspal**, Learned District Judge, who addressed the gathering as the Guest Speaker. Justice Harjeet Singh Jaspal provided an in-depth overview of key issues related to the **POCSO Act, 2012, and the POSH Act, 2013** on 16th April 2025 at DMA House, Daryaganj.

The programme aimed to enhance awareness among the medical fraternity about legal obligations and challenges associated with the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act and the Prevention of Sexual Harassment (POSH) Act, ensuring informed and lawful medical practice. **Dr. Ajay Lekhi, Co.ordinator** 









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