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**PRESIDENT'S PAGE** - Dr Digant Shastri - Measles and Rubella Surveillance - <https://www.indianpediatrics.net/sep2019/723.pdf> - where he emphasises IAP's strong commitment to enhance MR surveillance and strengthen routine immunization to achieve the goal of measles elimination and rubella control in India.

## Editor's Note

Dear colleagues,

This October issue of Child India, first and foremost, takes the opportunity to congratulate all the elected office bearers and EB members and also those who participated sportingly in the democratic exercise this year. Kudos to the election commissioners, the contestants and to all IAPians for the smooth conduct of the IAP election process. We are hereby positioning our Academy as a model for all other associations to emulate. Congratulations.



Oct 10th is World Mental Health Day. The day aims to raise awareness regarding mental health issues and mobilize efforts to support mental health. World mental health day theme for 2019 is suicide prevention. The main objective behind making suicide prevention the key focus this year is to attract the government's attention to the issue so that it is given priority in public agendas across the world. According to WHO, almost every 40 seconds, someone loses their life. Hence, WHO has launched an awareness campaign called "40 seconds of action" to raise awareness of the large scale of suicide around the world and the role that each of us can play to help prevent it.

World Sight Day is observed on second Thursday of October month. In 2019, it also falls on 10 October (theme - 'Vision First!'). The aim of celebrating World Sight Day is to increase awareness about the attention in vision impairment and blindness.

October 11 is celebrated as the International Day of the Girl Child, to recognize girls' rights and the unique challenges girls face around the world. The 2019 Theme — 'GirlForce: Unscripted and Unstoppable' is conceived to celebrate the achievements by, with and for girls since the adoption of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. Oct 11th is also World Obesity Day.

World Arthritis Day is celebrated on the October 12 since 1996. World Arthritis Day is observed to raise awareness about the Arthritis around the world. The theme of the World Arthritis Day 2019 is Time2Work.

October 15th is celebrated as Global Handwashing Day (theme - "Clean Hands for All.") and World White Cane Day that celebrates the achievements of the visually impaired.

October 13th-19th is the International Infection Prevention Week (Theme - Vaccines are Everybody's Business) to help raise awareness of the role vaccines play in infection prevention and protecting public health.

The months for the State Annual Conferences and conferences of the sub speciality chapters are upon us. The CMEs associated with these conferences and those afforded by the IAP Action Plans would keep all of us in learning mode till our IAP National Conference at Indore.

Happy learning!

**Dr Jeason C Unni**  
**Editor-in-Chief**

## President's Message

Dear Members,

At the outset I wish you and your family Happy Diwali. I hope you had good festive time.

Just before the Diwali festival we had our festival of democracy- IAP Elections 2020. I take this opportunity to congratulate IAP members (voters) for participating in the elections 2020 enthusiastically with highest ever record number of voting. The election commission lead by Dr. Sanjay Srirampur deserve compliments for conducting transparent, non partial elections meticulously. My hearty congratulations to all who have been successful at the election. I am sure those who couldn't make it this time will continue serving IAP with same vigour and enthusiasm.



2019 will be historical year for IAP for three great achievements.

1) We were successful in realising long due dream to have new office of Indian Pediatrics journal. We have purchased 2550 sq feet ultramodern office at Noida and it will be inaugurated on 7-8 December, 2019.

2) We signed MOU with Director General Central TB Division for conducting 300 programs on IAP RNTCP ped TB management protocol. It is highest ever grant received by IAP from any partnership - of the tune of 4.3 cr rupees.

3) We signed MOU with WHO for conducting national workshop on Quality improvement in pediatric care. We are expecting continuation of partnership with WHO for more activities on this concept in the year 2020.

The conference season is starting and there will be several opportunities for IAP members to participate in state/ regional conferences and by that way updating their knowledge, have fellowship with colleagues and strengthening their relationship. I wish all of you have conference time.

With regards,

In the service of Academy,

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## Secretary's Message

Dear Colleagues,

Sure all of us are back in our routines after the leisure and fun of Diwali.



And soon it is hectic time for the members all across the country. The State Conferences on one side keep them poised for a get together session of academics and socialization with their friends all through their state. The array of Central IAP Action Plan workshops also keep them toed to the academy.

We at CIAP had a very fruitful October wherein we had the MOU for 300 programs of RTCP with Central TB division was signed. We also had the purchase of Indian Pediatrics Office sealed during this month.

We are sure the last two months of the academy will keep us more engrossed with child health activities on the IAP platform. And our Friends at CHILDINDIA Editorial Desk are equally to their task sharing all the news on oragnisational front promptly .

Warm regards,

**Remesh Kumar R.**

Hon. Secretary General 2018 & 2019

## President's Engagements



inauguration of new office of IAP Surat



Meeting with National Board President



AMS module at Ahmedabad



Felicitation by AOP Ahmedabad

## President's Engagements



Signing of MoU with Director General  
Central TB division



National Launch of IAP SPARS module at Rajkot



Karpedicon, Dawangiri

## IAP Agra

### ALS MAP WORKSHOP



## IAP Udaipur

### Newborn Hearing Screening TOT



## IAP Murshidabad

### CME



## IAP Kota



Breastfeeding Week 2019 Celebration

## IAP Allahabad



The IAP Allahabad branch organized a CME on Pediatric Hematology on 22th of September, Sunday, at Hotel Kanha Shyam, Allahabad. The speakers were Dr Vineeta Gupta from IMS, BHU and Dr. D. K. Singh from SPHPGI, Noida, Prof Vineeta Gupta MD, DNB, MAMS, FRCPCH, FUICC and Commonwealth fellow BMT is incharge Division of Pediatric Hematology Oncology in the Department of Pediatrics, Institute of Medical Sciences, BHU, Varanasi. Dr. D. K. Singh is Professor and Chief Consultant at Superspeciality Pediatric Hospital and PG teaching Institute, Noida. He has been the Prof & Head of the Department of Pediatrics at MLNMC & associated SN Children Hospital, Allahabad. Dr Vineeta Gupta spoke on Management of Thalassemia – Pediatrician’s approach while Dr D. K. Singh gave a talk on Acute & Chronic ITP : Diagnosis and Management. It was followed by a vibrant interactive session wherein both the topics were discussed at length.

The CME was attended by a large number of pediatricians of the city and was a great success.



## IAP Gwalior



1. Topic : Suicide prevention - Talk & interactive session on 16 October 2019
2. Place - Madhav Law College, Gwalior
3. First year students of government law college ( 17 to 20 years) & their professors- 158
4. In interactive session There was discussion on medico legal concerns on Suicide prevention. Specially on IPC section 309 & Mental health act 2017.

Speaker: Dr Rashmi Gupta

Interactive session: Panelist - Dr Niti Pandey (Principal); Dr P. Bhargava (Lecturer)

## IAP Ghaziabad



A successful Mission Kishore Uday was organised by IAP Ghaziabad & MKU Team under leadership of Dr Anuradha. Dr Piyali Bhattacharya, Dr Sunita Manchanda Dr Himani Khanna & Dr Premlatha Krishnan were the faculty. 38 pediatricians, 25 adolescents and 25 parents attended the program.

## IAP Emirates Branch



## The IAP Emirates Branch Annual Conference at Sharjah

## Congrats!



Dr MN Venkiteswaran, AHA Election Commissioner and Past Chairperson Kerala AHA was honoured on 2 October 2019 by the Indian Red Cross Society for his extraordinary services to Child & Adolescent Health. The award was presented by the Hon ble Justice Devan Ramachandran in the presence of the Dist Collector Sri Suhas IAS. AHA congratulates him