

## IMA GOA STATE INSTALLATION 2024

The Installation ceremony program of the Indian Medical Association, Goa State executive committee for 2024 was held on January 7, 2024, at 10:00 A.M. at Grand Hall Z SQUARE, 4th Floor Samrat Ashok Théâtre Complex, Panaji Goa.

Dr. Chandrakant Shetye MLA, Bicholim, Chairman, Infotech Corporation of Goa, was the chief guest.

The program included a C.M.E on “ Making Goa a model state in mental health” by Dr. Vikram Patel and “ End of life care” by Dr. Naveen Salins

This was followed by a panel discussion on the above topics with Prof. Abhijit Nadkarni and Dr Ravindra Agrawal being other two panelists which was moderated by Dr. Kalpana Chodankar.

Dr. Sandesh Chodankar heads the new committee along with Dr. Rajashree Marathe as the secretary and Dr. Gauresh Palav as the Treasurer, Dr. Medha Salkar as news editor and Dr. Pradip Padwal as representative to central IMA among other members.

Dr Chandrakant Shetye praised IMA Goa for their initiatives in medico-social activities and emphasized unity in delivering healthcare, mentioning the Goa government's reforms in the healthcare sector.

Dr Sandesh Chodankar in his speech said that IMA Goa State takes its responsibility towards its members very seriously and will work with IMA Goa State leadership under me and our mentors Dr. Vikram Patel, Dr. Amol Mahaldar, Dr. Abhijit Nadkarni and Dr. Ravindra Agarwal over the coming twelve months to initiate activities to support the wellbeing of doctors and in general public in Goa.

Dr. Vikram Patel discussed the significance of mental health, highlighting its evolution globally and within the state's context. He emphasized its inclusion in national health programs.

Dr. Naveen Salins focused on end-of-life care and medical futility, presenting legal and technical aspects of palliative care.

The event's highlight was the unveiling of the "Give Goa Project," a mental health assessment of medical professionals in the state conducted by the Goa Institute of Management, supported by IMA Goa State, Sangath NGO, Goa Institute of management and Goa Chamber of commerce and industries.

Dr. Shekhar Salkar president of the IMA Bicholim branch welcomed the gathering and Dr. Dinesh Amonkar secretary proposed a vote of thanks!

“ With new Supreme Court directives now a terminally ill patient can decide how he wants to have his dignified death, what type of treatment he wants and can nominate one person who will decide in case he is not in a position to take the decision about his withdrawal of support, admission in ICU , use of ventilator etc.

To finalise the procedure we will meet the chief minister and health minister and put a system in place n guidelines.

We will also cause sufficient awareness amongst the general public about this “ advanced medical directive” quoted Dr. Shekhar Salkar