



Medi-VOCAL

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TEAM 2024
IMA GOA STATE BRANCH
INSTALLED THE WORKING
COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 2024



IMA GOA @ 2024

“The Installation ceremony program of Indian Medical Association, Goa State executive committee for the year 2024 was conducted on On 7th January 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 presided as chief guest of the function, the program was followed by C.M.E on mental health.”



President:Dr. Sandesh Chodankar

Secretary:Dr. Rajashree Marathe

Treasurer: Dr. Gauresh Palav

“ IMA GOA STATE BRANCH IS COMMITTED TOWARDS THE BETTERMENT OF MEDICAL FATERINITY AND HEALTH OF GOAN’S”

-DR. SANDESH

IMA Goa State launches monthly news letter Medi-Vocal

IMA PRESIDENT MESSAGE

Dear Colleagues and friends.

A warm greetings from IMA GOA State!

It is our pleasure indeed to release the first issue of IMA News letter titled Medivocal, Unlike traditional quarterly release we have decided to update our esteemed members on IMA activities both at state and the branch level on monthly basis.





IMA GOA STATE INSTALLATION CEREMONY



Installation of Goa State IMA Executive was organized by IMA Bicholim On 7 Jan 2024. Dr Chandrakant Shetye Hon. MLA of Bicholim was the chief guest.

Installation was followed by CME on two important topics,
Making Goa Model State for Mental Health by Prof. Vikram Patel
End of Life Care by Dr. Naveen Salin.

CME was followed by panel discussion, Prof. Abhijit Nadkarni and Dr. Ravindra Agrawal were other two panelists along with the two speakers.



IMA Goa state is a robust organization with more than 1500 members, a diverse group of talented and extraordinary medical professionals adding value to society, we proudly announce the monthly newsletter “Medi-Vocal” with the aim of dissipating knowledge and enriching the medical community-
Dr Medha Salkar, Editor IMA Newsletter

IMA PRESIDENT MESSAGE

A gentle and kind request to all the branch secretaries to furnish us with the all the activities least by 2nd nd of the subsequent month so that the same can be incorporated in the news letter. I urge all the branches to gear up for the activities based on mental health awareness state theme ‘BE KIND TO YOUR MIND’ so that we cover maximum population on this topic by the end of this year, which is actually a need of the hour in present scenario both at professional and personal level.

Many of our esteemed members are academic experts in their own field and still many more have hidden talent who can put their thoughts and views across both on medical as well as non medical current ongoing issues in most pertinent ways.

Kindly be vocal on this Medivocal IMA news letter. Through this forum let us unfurl and share the knowledge so that we sharpen our intellect.

Hoping for contribution from one and all towards this monthly IMA news letter

Long Live IM

Dr.Sandesh Chodankar, President IMA GOA STATE 2024



The IMA Goa core committee met Hon'ble Shri Justice M.S.Sonak on 29/1/24 for preliminary discussion on “End of life care”

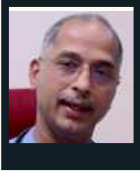


Meeting with Dr. Rupa Naik, Deputy Director DHS on 24/1/24 for discussion on training of teachers, GEDC counsellors & RBSK counsellors on mental health.



Present were Dr Medha Salkar CMO, Dr Mohanrao Desai CMO, NCDC, Dr. Kedar Raikar Nodal officer, Dr Abhijit Nadkarni, Sangath, Dr Sandesh Chodankar, Dr. Shekhar Salkar Dr. Kalpana Chodankar.





Dr. Sailesh Kamat,
Chairman, Legal Cell IMA Goa State Branch

Goa Clinical Establishment Act – Where are we?

All of us have various reservations and opinions about CEA and CEA Rules. Discussions are underway to amend it to suit our needs. But as long as the changes do not pass test of legislation, we have no option but to abide by present CEA and CEA Rules. So I am going to stick to law as it stands TODAY.

The CEA was notified on 23rd Sept 2019. According to section 11 of CEA, all old establishments were required to register provisionally within 3 months of commencement of the act and all new establishments which come into existence after commencement of the act were supposed to register before starting its operations. Thus all of us who had existing clinics as of 23rd Sept 2019 were required to undertake Provisional registration before 23rd Dec 2019. This was not possible on the ground as The District registering authority, whom one has to apply for registration itself was not constituted.

Documents required as per applicability

1. Provisional registration under CEA
2. Authorization GSPCB
3. Air and water act consent : not applicable to single/polyclinic
4. NOC from fire department
5. NOC from sanitary point of view from concerned PHC
6. Ambulance permit from DHS/ MOU with ambulance service
7. Building completion/ occupancy certificate
8. Food safety license : only if establishment runs a canteen or pantry
9. Medical Gas license under explosives act
10. Blood bank license
11. MOU/Agreement with outsourced human resource agencies
12. Provident fund/ ESI registration
13. MTP act license :
14. PNDDT act license :
15. PAN card : of Hospital/ owner
16. Ownership document or lease agreement
17. AERB license
18. DG Set Approval
19. Diesel storage license
20. Pharmacy license
21. Narcotic drug license



Who all are covered? : Definition of Clinical establishments under act includes Hospital, maternity home, nursing home, dispensary, clinic, sanatorium or any institution that offers services, facilities requiring diagnosis, treatment or care of illness, injury, deformity, abnormality or pregnancy in any recognized system of medicine.

Establishment offering services of two or more systems of medicine will have to apply separately for each system of medicine.

Only establishments managed by armed forces are exempt from this act.

Procedure for Permanent registration : Once application in Form V and Form VI with payment is received, District registering authority checks for completeness of the application. If found complete, The application is displayed on website of respective collectorate for objections from public. If no objections are received at the end of 30 days, Permanent registration is issued. If any objection is issued, same is communicated to the establishment for explanation/ correction

Status of various categories : In view of the judgment of the high court, irrespective of the date mentioned on your provisional registration, last date of validity of provisional registration was 8th July 2023. Even if someone takes a stand that actual implementation started only after notification of District authorities and State council, 2 year period would be over on 28th April 2024.

This list is not all inclusive as District Registering Authority has powers to ask for any more documents as applicable under State laws eg Council registration certificates of Doctors and Nursing staff etc. At present it is not insisted upon.

“Effectively everyone has to apply for permanent registration at the earliest.

IMA Goa state is trying its best to convince Government authorities to bring about amendments in tune with practical realities on ground. After many a attempts there is some sort of consensus developing. But until the changes are not notified in form of amendments to existing CEA and CEA Rules, we have no option but to abide by present Act and Rules.

It is very obvious that there will be queries and doubts in spite of all discussions above .For any doubts or clarifications, members are welcome to approach legal cell of IMA Goa State.”





IMA BICHOLIM



Dr. Shekhar Salkar
President

Dr. Dinesh Amonkar
Secretary

Dr. Vikas Shirodkar
Treasurer

On 3rd January, 2024

The new Executive Committee headed by Dr Shekhar Salkar as President along with Dr Dinesh Amonkar as Secretary and Dr Vikas Shirodkar as Treasurer took over the reigns of I.M.A. Bicholim.

IMA Bicholim in association with IMA Goa State, Directorate of Education, and Sangath Centre conducted a state level program PALAK MITRA on Saturday 20 January, 2024

The Workshop & Seminar on Parenting skills and stress management session based on IMA Goa state theme BE KIND TO YOUR MIND.

Sessions were conducted by Ms. Urvita Bhatia and Mr Kedar Mirchandani.

Over 400 teachers, parents and councilors attended the program.



IMA BARDEZ

IMA Bardez conducted COLS workshop at Lokshikshan High School, Dhargal Pernem on 27th January 2024

The workshop was attended by 60 staff members of different schools from the area

Dr Nimisha Talaulikar explained the theory followed by Hands on training on manikins by Dr Sandeep Naik, Dr Harish Tople, Dr Nimisha, Dr Siddharth Naik, Dr Seetaram korgaonkar and Dr Pradeep Korgaonkar

IMA Tiswadi in association with Shree Mahalaxmi Prasadik Hindu Vachan mandir arranged free health check up camp for its member and local community.

Dr Manish Kushe, Consultant Endocrinologist provided consultation for Diabetes and Thyroid patients.

Dr Girish Velis, Consultant Ophthalmologist provided consultation for various eyes related health concerns including diabetic retinopathy.

Event was supported by various pharma companies where free Blood sugar, Lipid profile and Uric acid tests were carried out.



IMA TISWADI

11/1 /2024 - AGM of IMA Mormugao was held at Flora Garden, Vaddem, Vasco on 11/1/2024, it was attended by 14 members

Annual report for the year 2023 was read out by the secretary Dr Pornima Naik.

The past treasurer Dr Abhijeet Shanbhag gave the audited account for the financial year April 2022 to march 2023.

Handing over ceremony was also held ,wherein the new committee took over for IMA Mormugao



19/01/2024- IMA Moormugao held its first CME of the year at Flora Grand Vasco

Topic "Laboratory Diagnosis Of PUO/Infections"

Speaker -DR Rajesh Bendre



IMA MORMUGAO



Felicitation ceremony of Dr. Dattaram Desai was held at Savoi Verem not only for his selfless contribution to the field of medicine but also for promoting book reading, environmental awareness & politics, all these towards the betterment of the community



4 Regular health check up under Matruchaya Seva 25 and Aao Gaon Chalen Abhiyaan of IMA Ponda in thr month of Jan 24, Dr.Purnima Usgaonker under Adolescent Health Cell IMA Goa State, provided counselling, treatment and advice.

Medicines were sponsored by Matruchaya and IMA Ponda Charitable Trust

IMA PONDA

Talk by Dr.Purnima Usgaonker on Nutrition and Health of child and mother to the parents of preprimary and primary students of Dr.K.B.Hedgewar Vidyalaya Ponda at Matrumelava ,held on 12/1/2024 ,from 4.00pm to 5.00pm.



MAKARSANKRANT DAY AT DILASA & VISAVA was held on 14th Jan 2024



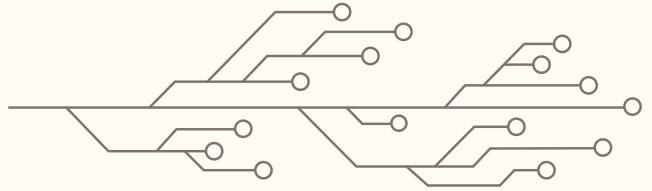
INSTALLATION OF NEW COMMITTEE FOR 2024 -19/01/24



Elon Musk and The Neuralink Hype



Mr. Santosh Helekar



There has been a spate of news stories and articles about a surgical procedure conducted at the behest of a company called Neuralink, founded by the maverick billionaire Elon Musk. The procedure appears to have involved implanting a microchip containing tiny electrodes in the surface of the brain of a disabled human volunteer by opening a small window in the overlying skull and closing it with a flap of skull bone. The hope is that the chip will record electrical activity in the superficial layers of the part of the brain that normally controls movements of a limb. This activity could then wirelessly trigger a prosthetic (artificial) limb to move in the right way based on the intent of the person, assuming that the pattern of activity faithfully reflects this intent. Such wireless transmissions could allow direct interaction with a computer or any other electronic machine – an arrangement that has been dubbed a brain-computer interface (BCI). All one needs is the right artificial intelligence (AI)-based software recognizing the specific meaning of the electrical activity pattern and translating it into a command for a software program installed on the computer. The broader implications from this that Musk and his publicists in the media, as well as a few well-meaning science enthusiasts, have been eager to spread are that, besides intents transmitted to all kinds of machines, thoughts could be communicated from person to person, as if by telepathy. In fact, Musk says he will call the new microchip device Telepathy. This of course implies that even normal non-disabled individuals will want, and be allowed, to undergo risky brain surgery to have a microchip implanted in their brain. It also implies that brain science has already established that conscious intent and thought patterns can be deciphered from the electrical activity of nerve cells of the outer layers of the brain. Some have also gone further and claimed that this technology could cure neurological disorders such as Parkinson's disease and enhance memory, intelligence, and cognition, in general. The assumption here is even more foolhardy – that we already know exactly what goes wrong in these disorders and how specific memories and cognitive skills are encoded in the brain, and that all this entirely depends on specific patterns of neural electrical activity, which can be easily deciphered by AI.

For the sake of completeness, I would like to end by providing a gratuitous piece of advice. It is not a good idea to trust claims about scientific breakthroughs reported in the popular press and social media by commercial entities or their CEOs with itchy trigger fingers, without being backed by a peer-reviewed publication in a reputed scientific journal. This applies to our own work alluded to above, even though it has been presented at recognized international scientific conferences and I do not own a company selling wares that might result from it. But it applies even more to the Neuralink announcement, which has not been vetted by subject-specific scientific experts, and which touts very premature findings. Besides, in both cases the hackneyed Konknni saying, the priest has just gone to take a bath, applies.

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