

# GOA PEDICON

## 2024



We are delighted to inform you that IAP Goa State conducted the Goa Pedicon 2024 on 16th and 17th November at Healthway Hospital Auditorium at Old Goa. Organised with the aim of advancing paediatric knowledge and fostering collaboration among healthcare providers, the event saw active participation from 106 delegates including pediatricians and paediatric specialists.

The conference was preceded by a pre conference workshop on Growth Monitoring, and conducted by renowned faculty Dr Vaman Khadilkar, Dr Ram Murty Shastri and Dr Madhura. Was attended by 40 delegates.

Over the 2 days the conference featured several keynote sessions and workshops led by renowned national and local faculty. The topics covered included the latest updates in Nephrology, genetics, Paediatric Intensive care, Rheumatology, Neurodevelopmental Paediatrics, Recent updates in the management of Growth Promoting therapies.

Inaugural function started with a welcome note by Organising secretary Dr Priyanka Kamat Dhakankar, followed by lighting of the lamp. Dr Harshad Kamat, The Chairperson of Goa Pedicon and President of IAP Goa State, welcomed the gathering and spoke about the importance of conducting the Pedicon. EB Member Dr Sushma Kirtani thanked the Central IAP committee for giving us the opportunity of conducting Goa Pedicon and being very supportive towards Goa. Also spoke about various activities planned by Central IAP in the pipeline.

Highlight of the conference was Oration by Dr Raju Khubchandani who delivered a lecture on Autoinflammatory conditions and his experience. Panel discussions were conducted on Rheumatology and Paediatric Intensive care. Dr Ashwin Dalal and Dr Mamta Muranjan spoke on latest updates in genetics. Dr Prashant Prabhu delivered a talk on Paediatric Nephrology, Dr Nandita Dsouza spoke about Family centred care in paediatric practice. The conference also had lecture by Paediatric surgeon, Dr Vishal Sawant and Paediatric Dentist, Dr Steven Rodrigues.

IAP Goa State felicitated the Senior Members who were founders of Goa Association of Paediatrics, Dr vRosario Menezes, Dr Vinay Sawardekar, Dr Anant Kini. Dr H. Pai and Dr A.O Nazareth were felicitated posthumously. Also in the memory of our late member Dr Sumant Prabhudessai, Paediatric Intensivist, Dr Sumant Memorial lecture was started and the citation was presented by Dr Mahesh Mohite.

Poster presentation was conducted for the members and PG students on the 2nd day of conference and prizes were presented to the best 3 posters.

Conference had sumptuous Banquet on a river cruise where the members had a wonderful time.

Vote of thanks delivered by Dr Siya Prabhudessai and Dr Mukul Raiturkar.

Goa Pedicon successfully met its objective of providing educational platform for the pediatric healthcare professionals of Goa and a positive feedback from all the delegates highlighted the success of the Pedicon 2024.