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# PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

**DR ASHWINI DAVRAY**



Dear Members

It is a great honour to be entrusted with the position of the President. I am filled with immense gratitude and feel a great sense of responsibility as the New President.

What we see today is but a snapshot in this motion picture that is AIMA.

I would like to thank all the previous presidents and committee members who have led AIMA with great dedication and commitment.

What we see today is the result of their tireless efforts. You have laid a solid foundation on which we stand now and I give my commitment to continue to build to further your legacy.

This past year has been very fruitful with all our committee members contributing selflessly to all the activities of AIMA. A huge thanks for that. In the months and year to come, our members will continue to be our focus and we look forward to seeing many of you in all our cultural, education, charity and sporting events.

We welcome an open dialogue and a free exchange of ideas. Innovative ideas are key to the growth of an organization. We will continue to foster the youth of AIMA as they are our future. Our collaborations with key partners and stakeholders will continue to be fostered as well.

A critical aspect of our organization is the cohesiveness. It is better we focus on our similarities rather than differences. Today we may speak different languages, come from different parts of India but we are united as Indians in Australia and we stand under one banner that binds us all- our Practice of Medicine to serve humanity.

In the past 2 weeks, we have commenced working on an upgrade to our website. Connections are being made with the various Indian Doctor's associations in Australia- The Federation Association of Indian Doctors in Australia. We will soon be interviewing for an Admin assistant. Work has started on our much awaited gala event of the year- The Annual AIMA Dinner 2023!

A packed calendar of events awaits us all.

Thank you for the trust placed in our committee.

Dear fellow members, let us embark on this journey together. With your unwavering support and our dedication, we will continue to achieve great things for AIMA.

I look forward to seeing you all at the AIMA Annual Dinner on 25th November 2023.

Best Regards

**Ashwini Davray**  
**AIMA President**

# SECRETARY'S NOTE

**DR KIRAN PUTTAPPA**



Dear Esteemed Members,

Warm greetings to the vibrant AIMA community,

As a new secretary to the AIMA, I am enthusiastic about the journey ahead and I am committed to building upon the solid foundations laid by my predecessors. The legacy of excellence that defines AIMA will continue to thrive through our collective efforts.

Our commitment to community health remains unwavering, exemplified by our ongoing collaboration with ISWA in conducting impactful health promotional talks and raising the funds for various charities. These endeavours continue to resonate within our communities, promoting awareness and well-being.

The resounding success of our recent events, including the highly acclaimed indoor cricket and badminton tournament, have been nothing short of extraordinary. The enthusiasm displayed by participants truly embodied the spirit of sportsmanship that AIMA holds dear.

Additionally, mentoring our medical students and our clinical meetings have been invaluable forums for knowledge exchange, facilitating continuous learning and growth within our medical community.

I would also like to inform you that one of our esteemed committee members, Dr Ashwita Siri vanga, has made the difficult decision to step down from her role in view of pursuing her personal career. We extend our best wishes to her and grateful for her contributions to AIMA during her tenure.

With a thriving membership base that now exceeds 650+, AIMA's growth trajectory is a testament to the faith and trust our members place in us. Each member shines as a luminary in their medical specialization, contributing to the rich AIMA's professional network.

I extend my heartfelt appreciation to each of you for your dedication to our cause. Your involvement is the driving force behind the triumphs of AIMA.

Warmest Regards

**Kiran Puttappa**  
**General Secretary**

# AIMA AGM

Our Annual General Meeting was held on August 19th, 2023 at the Indian Community Center. It was a significant event, as it marked the passing of the baton from our immediate past president, Dr. Parshotam Gera, to our incoming President, Dr. Ashwini Davray. We want to express our appreciation and admiration for the commendable job done by Dr. Gera and warmly welcome Dr. Davray to her new role.

The AIMA family has grown to 667 members, and we appreciate the support and love over the past 12 months.

It is with regret that we announce the resignation of Dr. Ashwita Sirivanga from her committee position, due to personal reasons. We extend our best wishes to her for all future endeavours.



# AIMA KARAOKE

The AGM was followed by a fun-filled karaoke afternoon. The singing talent within the AIMA diaspora is impressive; we could have a professional performing group someday.

We thank our committee member **Dr Rekha Nanda** for making this a memorable event.



# INDIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

- Members of AIMA showed their patriotism in the India Day Parade.
- AIMA has been invited to attend the inaugural celebration of Indian Independence Day at Parliament House WA.
- We were honoured to attend the Indian Independence Day celebration hosted by the Consulate General of India, Perth




# FUNDRAISING

The management team of the Australian Indian Medical Association WA expresses gratitude to its members for generously supporting the "AIMA Initiative" to **"Save the children"** in India.

We raised an impressive sum of **\$20000 in less than a day**, which was truly remarkable. The following initiative aims to offer adolescent tribal girls in Odisha the necessary empowerment. The funds raised will worthily contribute towards achieving this goal. We sincerely thank our contributors for their heartfelt and incredibly generous assistance.


AIMA is committed to collaborating with non-profit organizations to benefit communities.



**Save the Children FUNDRAISER**

**We are fundraising for Save the Children and would love your help!**

Save the Children run eco-lessons at this school in Cambodia. The children participate in activities like collecting rubbish and talking to the local community about environment protection. Photo: Linh Pham / Save the Children



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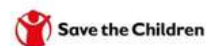
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We couldn't do it without you.  
**Sonia Holmes**  
Fundraising Manager



# AIMA EDUCATION: NEUROSURGERY

AIMA organised an educational evening focused on Neurosurgery topics at the Duxton Hotel on Thursday, 10th August.

Dr Hari Ramakonar enlightened us on Epilepsy Surgery & Neurosurgical innovative therapy.

Dr Shinuo Liu gave an excellent talk on Neurovascular Conditions.

The Neurosurgery session provided valuable insights. The Bespoke surgical options available for suitable patients in WA are astounding. Various super speciality centres worldwide have tested the possibilities, which piqued our curiosity.

Young surgeons who brought pioneering surgeries to WA under difficult circumstances have our gratitude.



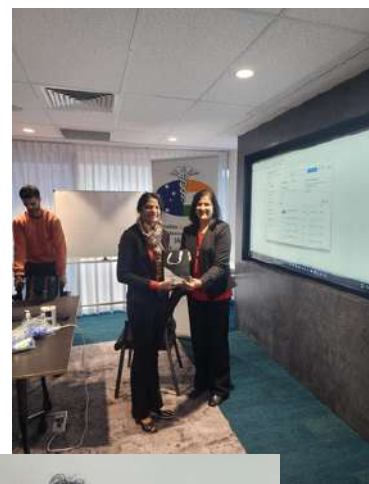


# AIMA EDUCATION: AIMA YOUTH WORKSHOP

The 3rd Youth Education Workshop organized by AIMA at AMA Hall on June 24th exceeded all expectations. Attendees gained valuable insights into General Medical, Paediatrics, and GP-related topics, before actively participating in a practical suturing workshop.

Presenting esteemed speakers for the day: Dr. Bowmik, Dr. Eng, Dr. Davray, Dr. Narayanan, Dr. Gera, Dr. Raman, Dr. Bhandari, Dr. Trivedi, and Dr. Deepa Bhandari. The AIMA fraternity left a profound impact on many future medical professionals through their inspiring talks, engaging workshops, and interactive sessions.

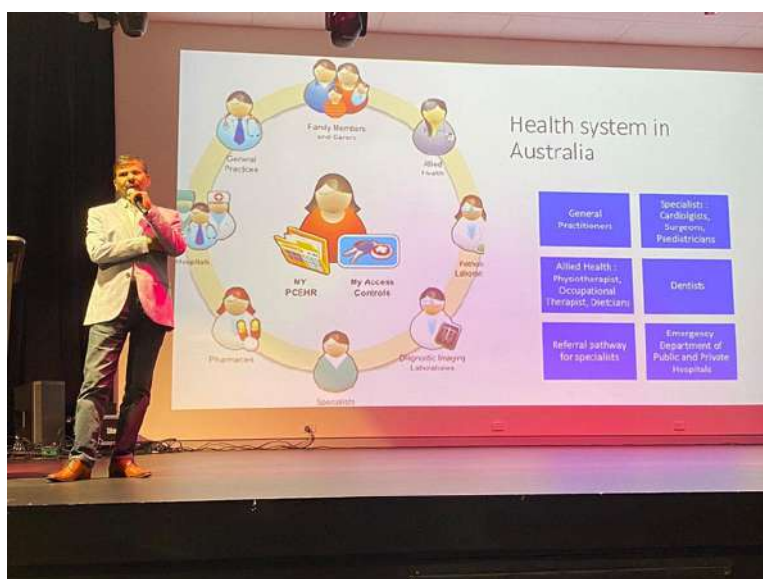
AIMA is committed to fostering a better tomorrow and assisting in the advancement of competent medical professionals



# ISWA/AIMA COLLABORATION

## Student Festival

On July 15th, ISWA organized a maiden student festival where Dr Parshotam Gera, the past president of AIMA, was invited as a guest speaker to shed light on Australia's healthcare system and how to navigate through it. The event received great attendance and positive feedback from the participants, and we hope to engage in similar future endeavours. We extend our best wishes to all the future aspirins who wish to be a part of the healthcare system and contribute to serving humanity.



# SPORTS UPDATE:

## INDOOR CRICKET

Bouncers Joondalup hosted the exciting 2023 AIMA CBA Indoor Cricket Tournament, showcasing intense competition and impressive sporting abilities. The AIMA Members' tournament united the best talents to compete for cricketing glory. Throughout the event, spectators witnessed nail-biting matches and remarkable displays of skill. Remarkable performances in batting, bowling, and fielding were demonstrated by players from each team, showcasing their strengths.

Bouncers had a festive atmosphere as families came to support the players. Both kids and adults enjoyed the face painting. The event saw kids of AIMA members do fundraising activities and collect close to 500 dollars.

The Ladies Competition was won by **Desi Scorchers** and they regained **The Padmini Peters Cup**; while **Western Willows** were the Runners up. The 3rd team in the competition The **Super Warriors** won the **“SPIRIT OF THE GAME AWARD “**

The final match in the Men's event between MSD Panthers and Super Sixers proved to be an epic encounter, keeping the audience on the edge of their seats until the last ball. In the end, **Super Sixers** emerged as the champions retaining the **Paddy Ramanathan Cup**, lifting the coveted trophy and leaving a lasting impression on cricket enthusiasts. The 2023 Cricket Tournament was a resounding success, celebrating the spirit of the game and fostering a sense of camaraderie among players and fans alike. AIMA Management Committee congratulates all the winners and players for participating and helping make this event an enormous success.

### **AIMA CBA Ladies Championship**

- Winners: Desi Scorchers
- Runners Up: Western Willows
- Spirit of the Game Award: Super Warriors
- Player of the Final: Priyanka Sarah Jacob
- Emerging Player of the Year: Nisha Jayaraman
- Most Enthusiastic Player: Meghna Singh

### **AIMA CBA Mens Championship**

- Winners: Super Sixers
- Runners Up: Med Surg Dagers Panthers
- Player of The final: Vinay Verma
- Best Batsman: Abe Jacob
- Best Bowler: Nikhil Chowdhary
- Emerging Player of the Year: Nisar Ahmed
- Most Enthusiastic Player: Niran Bose



# SPORTS UPDATE:TABLE TENNIS

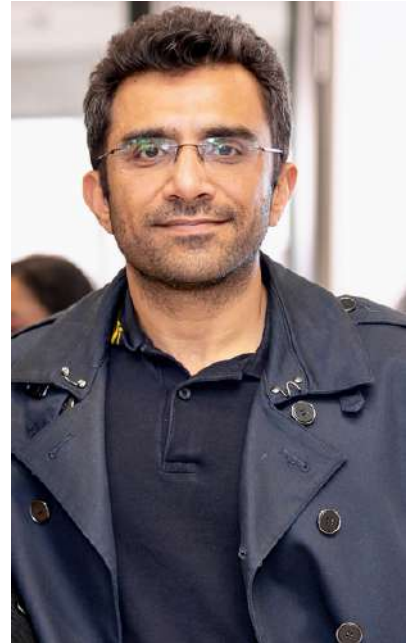
The inaugural AIMA Table Tennis Tournament was a great success, with members playing over 100 games while demonstrating fair play and battling it out for the trophy.

- Mens Singles:  
Winner-Sanjay Nadkarni  
Runner Up -Darshan Kothari.
- Women's Singles:  
Winner -Nikita Balram  
Runner up -Ishika Balram.

The Balram sisters were the superstars of the event.

- Men's Doubles: Winners:  
Kiran Bharath and Ron Ovung  
Runners -Sumeet Wagh and Darshan Kothari.
- Mixed Doubles:  
Winners -Priyanka and Abe Jacob  
Runners: Deepika and Sumeet Wagh
- Parent/ Kid Doubles:  
Winners Navneet and Navya Johri  
Runners -Anupam and Ishitha Chauhan.

AIMA thanks all its members for their enthusiasm and participation. Congratulations to all the winners



**Dr Vinay Verma deserves our sincere thanks for raising the bar of all sporting events and inspiring all the members.**



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## **From the editor's desk**

We look forward to your participation in the upcoming exciting events planned for 2023. A gentle reminder to renew your membership to continue enjoying the educational, cultural & sport events.

We hope you enjoyed reading the newsletter as much as we loved putting together the updates for you. If you would like to feature in the future articles, please email [education@aimawa.net.au](mailto:education@aimawa.net.au)