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**Message: National President Dr Raman Kumar**

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Dear Colleagues,

I am immensely pleased to present the inaugural edition of the Academy of Family Physicians of India (AFPI) newsletter. This marks a significant milestone in our collective journey towards strengthening family medicine and primary healthcare in India.

Our country stands at the cusp of a healthcare transformation, and family physicians are central to this change. With over a billion people relying on primary care as their first point of contact, it is imperative that we continually work to elevate the standards of care provided in every community across the nation. AFPI has always been committed to this mission, promoting family medicine as a vital and dynamic specialty that addresses the holistic health needs of individuals and families.

Through this newsletter, we aim to create a platform that fosters knowledge sharing, updates on academic developments and highlights the invaluable contributions of family physicians in promoting public health. It is also a space to celebrate the achievements of our members, recognizing their hard work and dedication, and showcase innovations in primary care practices. In line with our vision, AFPI remains dedicated to advocating for stronger integration of family medicine into the national healthcare framework. With recent policy advancements, we are encouraged by the recognition that family medicine is receiving nationally. Our focus now is on expanding educational opportunities, supporting continuous professional development, and enhancing the role of family physicians in rural and urban healthcare settings.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all our members for their unwavering commitment and passion. I encourage each one of you to actively contribute to this newsletter and help us make it a beacon for change in Indian healthcare. Together, let us continue to champion the cause of family medicine and primary healthcare, ensuring accessible, comprehensive, and compassionate care for every citizen.

Warm regards,  
Dr. Raman Kumar  
National President  
Academy of Family Physicians of India

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## World Family Doctor Day Celebration 2024 - by AFPI members India

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### World Family Doctor Day (WFDD)

The **Academy of Family Physicians of India (AFPI)** actively participates in the celebration of **World Family Doctor Day (WFDD)**, observed annually on **May 19**. This global event, initiated by the **World Organization of Family Doctors (WONCA)**, celebrates the role of family physicians in providing continuous, comprehensive care to patients. The day highlights the essential contribution of family doctors in healthcare systems worldwide, particularly in improving access to primary care, patient outcomes, and community health.

### AFPI'S ROLE IN WFDD CELEBRATIONS

AFPI has embraced WFDD as an opportunity to:

1. **Raise Awareness:** AFPI uses WFDD to advocate for the importance of family medicine in India. Media campaigns, workshops, and seminars raise public awareness of family physicians' critical role in patient care and public health.
2. **Host Educational Events:** On WFDD, AFPI organizes academic conferences, webinars, and seminars to discuss the latest advancements in family medicine. These events bring together physicians, healthcare professionals, and policymakers to collaborate on improving primary care.
3. **Community Outreach and Health Camps:** AFPI members often conduct free health camps, screenings, and medical consultations on WFDD to serve communities, especially in rural and underserved areas. These initiatives emphasize preventive healthcare and early diagnosis.
4. **Recognition of Family Physicians:** AFPI uses the occasion to honor and recognize the outstanding contributions of family physicians across India. Awards and public recognition are given to those who have made a significant impact in the field of family medicine and primary care.
5. **Advocacy for Family Medicine:** WFDD is also a platform for AFPI to advocate for more robust policies and resources to support family physicians in India. AFPI engages with policymakers to discuss the importance of integrating family doctors into the national healthcare system.

### AFPI'S IMPACT ON FAMILY MEDICINE

By actively celebrating WFDD, AFPI promotes family medicine as a specialty and reinforces the vital role that family physicians play in improving healthcare access in both urban and rural settings. It aligns with AFPI's mission to elevate the status of family medicine in India's healthcare framework, ensuring that family doctors are recognized for their critical role in comprehensive and community-centered care. This annual celebration strengthens the network of family doctors across India, fostering a sense of community, pride, and continued professional development among members of AFPI.



HEALTHY PLANET,  
HEALTHY PEOPLE.

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## National Academic Calendar

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Dr V Sreenivas, Dean of Academics, AFPI

The **Academy of Family Physicians of India (AFPI) National Academic Calendar** is designed to support the continuous professional development of family physicians across India. While specific details vary each year, the critical academic events and activities generally include:

1. NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON FAMILY MEDICINE AND PRIMARY CARE (FMPC)

- Focus: A significant event that brings together family physicians, healthcare professionals, and academics to discuss new developments, research, and policy in family medicine and primary care.

2. FAMILY MEDICINE POSTGRADUATE UPDATES (FMPG)

- **Focus:** Educational sessions aimed at postgraduate students and practicing physicians, covering recent advancements, updates, and skills in family medicine.

### 3. WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

- **Focus:** Focused on skill-building, new diagnostic tools, public health approaches, and clinical best practices. These workshops target both urban and rural practitioners.

### 4. WEBINARS AND ONLINE TRAINING

- **Focus:** Virtual events focusing on primary healthcare innovations, case studies, and clinical discussions, allowing members to engage nationwide.

### 5. ANNUAL ACADEMIC AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- **Focus:** Recognition of outstanding contributions in family medicine education, research, and practice.

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## Family Medicine Conferences

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### AFPICON Kerala 2025

18 - 19 January 2025, Pearl View Hotel, Thalassery. Join us at the Pearl View Hotel Thalassery, Kannur, Kerala.

Register <https://afpicon2025.afpikerala.in/>

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**WONCA SAR 2025**

Bengaluru, India 4th to 6th April 2025

Register through <https://www.woncasarindia2025.com/>

The banner features a grid of purple and blue squares in the background. On the left, the 'WONCA India' logo is displayed with a peacock icon. Below it, the text reads: 'SOUTH ASIA CONFERENCE 2025', 'Rooted in Tradition, Growing with Innovation: Family Medicine for South Asian Well-being', '4 - 6 April 2025 | Sheraton Grand Bengaluru, India', and 'www.woncasarindia2025.com'. The central graphic shows hands in a Namaste gesture above the word 'namaste' in cursive, with three colorful wheels (green, blue, orange) to the right. At the bottom, there is an illustration of Indian architectural landmarks including the Taj Mahal and a temple gopuram. The AFPI logo is in the bottom left corner.

**WONCA**  
SOUTH ASIA REGIONAL  
CONFERENCE 2025

**AFPI**  
Academy of Family Physicians of India

**Wonca**  
SOUTH ASIA



**AFFICON Kerala 2025**

**25th WONCA World Conference,**

**17-21 September, Lisbon in 2025**

Register through <https://www.woncaworld2025.org/>

**„New vision for primary health care and sustainable development“**

**LISBON**  
**WONCA 2025**  
25<sup>th</sup> WONCA WORLD CONFERENCE  
**17 - 21 SEPTEMBER 2025**  
LISBOA CONGRESS CENTRE - CCL

# woncaworld2025  
[www.woncaworld2025.org](http://www.woncaworld2025.org)

## VISIT AFPI WEBSITE

The Academy of Family Physicians of India (AFPI) website serves as an online platform for the organization representing family physicians in India. It provides information about the organization's objectives, membership, educational programs, events, and initiatives aimed at promoting the discipline of family medicine. The website often includes resources for continuing medical education, details about conferences and workshops, and updates on family medicine research and policies in India.

[WWW.AFPIONLINE.COM](http://WWW.AFPIONLINE.COM)

## CONTRIBUTE TO THE NEWSLETTER

Let's make this newsletter a dynamic and impactful platform for knowledge exchange, collaboration, and inspiration in family medicine.

### Submission Guidelines:

- **Word Limit:** 500-1500 words, depending on the type of content.
- **Deadline:** Rolling submissions; however, early contributions are encouraged for upcoming editions. Preferably within two weeks of the conclusion of the event

**Format:** Submissions should be in Word format along with the relevant photographs

*Please send your submissions to [newsletter@afpinational.org](mailto:newsletter@afpinational.org)*

## Annexure 1 National Academic Calendar



Dear Colleagues,

It is commendable that the Spice Route State Units, AFPI CPD, and AFPI state chapters have adhered to the National Academic schedule to a large extent, and that a sizable number of online academic sessions were held in 2023.

I am pleased to inform you that the new national academic calendar for 2024 has been prepared by considering the following aspects:

- ❖ Since the Obstetric-Gynaecology and Paediatric topics were not adequately covered during the past years, it has been decided to conduct an exclusive year-long National Clinical meets on the topics related to OBSTETRICS-GYNAECOLOGY AND PAEDIATRICS : A PRIMARY CARE APPROACH. These topics are included in the NAC, and AFPI state chapters will lead these sessions.
- ❖ Every month on the last Saturday, AFPI CPD will host sessions on a range of current problems.
- ❖ Every month during the first week, AFPI Spice Route will host webinars for PG case discussions.

All national or international events, including AFPI state conferences, shall be held with the consent of the National Executive body and should have a sufficient break in between. The National Executive should be informed of all other events planned by AFPI units, and a Central registry will maintain the database of all events.

I appeal to all the concerned doctors to adhere to the National Academic Calendar-2024 and conduct the academic sessions accordingly. I am sure that these academic and professional activities would enhance the knowledge, attitudes, and skills of our family physicians and take us forward.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'V. Sreenivas', is positioned above a horizontal line.

Prof. V. Sreenivas,  
Dean, The College of Family Medicine, AFPI  
01-01-2024

Month	First week	Second week (Clinical Meet Series)	Third week (Clinical Meet Series)	Last Saturday	Note/Guidelines
January	Spice Route PG Case Discussion	AFPI Andhra Pradesh	AFPI Telangana	27-1-2024 AFPI CPD	<p>1. All the academic programmes shall be in virtual mode and shall be conducted from 8.30 pm to 9.30 pm.</p> <p>2. The Spice Route shall conduct bedside case presentation webinars in consultations with the AFPI National Executive. The Spice Route National Council will decide the cases, presenters, moderators, and experts. Altogether, they will conduct 12 PG case discussion webinars in a year. Topic presenters should be DNB/MD/ PGDFM/DFM (NBE) residents.</p> <p>3. The Presidents of the AFPI State chapters shall select the topics from daily clinical practices related to Obstetrics-Gynaecology and Paediatrics: A Primary care approach, and conduct the National Clinical Meet webinars. Suggested topics for AFPI state chapters:</p> <p><u>Obstetrics</u>: Antenatal care, Anaemia in pregnancy, Hypertensive disorders, Gestational diabetes, Maternal infections, High risk pregnancy, Drugs in pregnancy, MTP and Maternal and Child health programmes etc.</p> <p><u>Gynaecology</u>: Contraception, Menstrual irregularities, Dysmenorrhea, Infections of vagina and cervix, Infertility, PCOS, Breast lump- investigation and treatment, Carcinoma cervix etc.</p> <p><u>Paediatrics</u>: Common neonatal problems, Child immunization, Growth, developmental and behavioural problems-preventive interventions, Protein energy malnutrition, Seizures and epilepsy, Common skin rashes, Nephrotic syndrome, Fever and bacteremia, Type I diabetes, Acute diarrhoeas, Acute respiratory infections, etc.</p> <p>4. The organizing team should inform the date and topic 10 days prior to the scheduled programme and they should ensure that the meetings are not run concurrently.</p> <p>5. The Spice Route and AFPI State Chapters may conduct other meetings of their choice but there should be no overlapping of sessions and events.</p>
February	Spice Route PG Case Discussion	AFPI Tamil Nadu	AFPI Uttarakhand	24-2-2024 AFPI CPD	
March	Spice Route PG Case Discussion	AFPI Karnataka	AFPI Kerala	30-3-2024 AFPI CPD	
April	Spice Route PG Case Discussion	AFPI Maharashtra	AFPI Andhra Pradesh	27-4-2024 AFPI CPD	
May	Spice Route PG Case Discussion	AFPI Tamil Nadu	AFPI Rajasthan	25-5-2024 AFPI CPD	
June	Spice Route PG Case Discussion	AFPI Karnataka	AFPI Delhi	29-6-2024 AFPI CPD	
July	Spice Route PG Case Discussion	AFPI Telangana	AFPI Kerala	27-7-2024 AFPI CPD	
August	Spice Route PG Case Discussion	AFPI Tamil Nadu	AFPI Uttar Pradesh	31-8-2024 AFPI CPD	
September	Spice Route PG Case Discussion	AFPI Andhra Pradesh	AFPI Bihar	28-9-2024 AFPI CPD	
October	Spice Route PG Case Discussion	AFPI Telangana	AFPI Kerala	26-10-2024 AFPI CPD	
November	Spice Route PG Case Discussion	AFPI Tamil Nadu	AFPI West Bengal	30-11-2024 AFPI CPD	
December	Spice Route PG Case Discussion	AFPI Karnataka	AFPI Kerala	28-12-2024 AFPI CPD	
<p>6. The states will conduct the State Conferences on relevant themes as follows:</p> <p><u>First quarter</u>: Kerala and Maharashtra</p> <p><u>Second quarter</u>: Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Delhi</p> <p><u>Third quarter</u>: Karnataka and Rajasthan</p> <p><u>Fourth quarter</u>: Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand</p>					

