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Attack on Welcare Hospital

Attackers arrested





Hospital Protection Law comes into force

The Welcare hospital at Vyttila was attacked by Doctors and the staff even in the presence of a mob following the death of a 27 yr old lady. This lady who was brought to the casualty in the An emergency executive meeting was held morning with vomiting & pain abdomen was seen at IMA House at 10 pm which was attended by the Duty Doctor and later by the Physician. by DTF officials & State officials. The officials When she was not showing improvement, an later visited the Hospital and expressed the ECG was done which showed an anterior wall solidarity to the management. A press release infarction. She was immediatley taken to ICU condemning the attack was released. Though and was managed by the Cardiologist. Even the hospital and the doctor filed two separate

cases, the police remained inactive for almost 20 days. Meanwhile the IMA Cochin Branch President contacted the Police Officials and a written note was sent to the local MLA also. One fellow was arrested on Feb 17th. A delegation political



expressed their regret on the hospital attack and agreed to pay for all the damage of hospital

 $Any attack on hospital \, or \, Doctor \, will \, amount$ to non bailable warrant for a minimum period of 6 mths and a compensation for twice the amount of damage. This is as per the The Kerala Healthcare service persons & Health care service institutions (Prevention of violence & damage to property) Act 2012.

FEBRUARY CME

Date : 27th February 2013, Wednesday

Time : 8.00 pm Venue: IMA HOUSE

NOVEL PHYSICAL MEDICINE INTERVENTIONS IN MANAGEMENT OF BACK PAIN AND **STROKE REHABILITATION**

Speaker:

Dr. Sasikuamar

Kumar Center for Stroke & Pain, Kochi

Vandalised Pharmacy counter

with the best efforts, she developed ventricular

The relatives were explained about the

condition at frequent intervals. While the body

was about to be shifted to General Hospital,

some miscreants

smashed the glass

area. They even

threatened the

panes

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tachycardia and died around 4 pm.





Design & Production

Once again a hospital attack. Even after the Law on Hospital Protection came into force, it seems

the tendency to attack hospital property and intimidate doctors at the drop of hat has not died down. It is heartening to see that President Dr. Dinesh, Secretary Dr. Junaid Rahman, DTF Chairman Dr. Abraham Varghese and other office bearers were in the forefront to protect our colleagues in Welcare Hospital. Needless to say that presence and actions of our office bearers during the hours of crisis will act as a morale booster to our colleagues in distress. Let us all emulate this worthy example.

Dr. V.D. Pradeep Kumar **Editor, Megaphone** 98472 60677, imacochinnews@gmail.com



Kochi hosted National Conference of Indian Association of Cardiovascular Thoracic Anaesthesiologists. Dr. Mohandas inaugurated the conference. Also seen are Dr. Suresh G. Nair and Dr. Abraham Cherian.

New Manager - Operations for IMA House

Dr. Salini Sudhindran has taken charge as Manager -Operations of IMA House. She will be available at 9388359130.









Executive lounge

the inaugural function of their State confer-



ence,11.1.2013, Thrissur.

The Doctors' Lounge inaugurated on 9.1.2013. To ensure special attention and exclusive service to doctors wo new staff members have been appointed in Sajimon T. Supervisor Executive Lounge.



IMA Cochin Medicine Bank

Medicines were donated by Dr. Binu. Dr. Harish M.T., Dr. Krishna Iyer, Dr. Narayanan M., Dr. Pradeep Warrier, Dr. Rajesh Shankar, Dr. Rameshan Nair, Dr. Varghese Cherian & Welcare Hospital. Cochin IMA Medicine Bank gave free medicines to 157 patients in January 2013.

Dr. Najeeb, Convenor

Column **Republic Day Celebration**

Cochin IMA strongly protests against the

Welcare Hospital attack and demands for action

as per Hospital Protection Act 2012

The Hospital Protection Act was an unfulfilled dream of

medical fraternity (doctors & hospitals) of Kerala State till

23rd July 2012. After the implementation of this Act, it has

become a blessing to medical fraternity. For the achievement of

this ambition we had a lot of hurdles to go through, but in spite

of all this we could succeed in this venture with our sincere

& dedicated efforts by continuous "Protests and Strikes". It

is the duty and responsibility of all doctors to fight for the

implementation of this act from here after. The politicians and

officials are trying to suppress this for their personal gains and

motives. We have to fight strongly for the implementation of

this act at any cost. Refusal of the act in needed situation is

Even in the recent incidence of Welcare Hospital attack the law

implementing officials were trying to manipulate this act for

protecting interest of the politicians. I humbly request all the

members of Cochin IMA and hospitals to be united to see that

proper actions are taken against the culprits. We have to fight

till the final verdict to uplift the value of the act, which is our

IMA Cochin celebrated the Family Nite 2013 with a lot of

variety entertainment programmes including old melodies

of Mohammed Rafi by Cochin Navas and Chithra and also by

our own members. The programme was inaugurated by cine

artists Ms. Rima Kallingal and Mr. Sekhar Menon. I sincerely

congratulate Dr. M. Venugopal, the Chairman of Cultural

We attended meetings of KSB State Schemes held at Trichur,

DTF meeting at Muvattupuzha and SWC

programme committee for his dedicated contribution.

meeting at Calicut.

Dr. N. Dinesh

legal right, which cannot be refused at any cost.



President hoists National Flag in front of IMA House.

Congratulations!



Dr. Fessy Louis T. of CIMAR Fertility Center recieving FOGSI - Dr. Kumud Tamaskar Research prize in Infertility from All India President at Mumbai.

Meet the Surgeon with an unusual passion - a passion in making art out of bamboo. Meet Dr. John Vettath, who was honoured with Life time achievement award by Association of Surgeon of India, in his 'theatre' filled with bamboo pole, knives, scissors, drills, measuring scales, bamboo powder, pastes etc. etc.



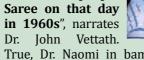
house at around 11 am. Dr. John Vettath, with a gleaming face opened the door for me, holding bamboo poles and an electrical drill in one hand.

riety of artefacts

reached his

Drawing room was filled with his art works. All walls were adorned by note book size picture cards, all made by him with bamboo pieces. "I have made images of all the places I have visited across different continents. It is not easy to recreate the things with bamboo sticks. See this is the Waikiki beach,

Honolulu, Hawai. The lady whom you see in the beach is mv wife Naomi. She had worn a purple



True, Dr. Naomi in bamboo wears a purple Saree made out of bamboo powder.

Dr. Vettath proudly shows me the replica of his church in Palarivattom. Even minute details



are not missed. There are umpteen number of lamp shades of varied designs and sizes, "I have gifted different varieties of travs and gift

boxes to my daughters and grand children. I have not sold even a single piece to anyone. Once a person from Kothamangalam came and asked me whether I would sell one of my coveted lampshades. He asked for the prize. I told him I took 40 hours to make that and calculate the value of 40 hours of a surgeon's time, he yet to return!".

Dr. Vettath takes me to his 'workshop'. One corner is filled with his instruments - Chistles,

hammer, knives. scissors, fine forceps etc. "See these boxes. They contain bamboo powder of different colour which I collect while

drilling the bamboo. I use this to colour some areas in my work". He says most difficult part is to cut curves. Even at his age of 86 his hands do not shewer and does the fixing of fine bamboo pieces with the same precision

of cardio thoracic surgery which he had stopped doing 16 years ago.

"I turned bamboo in 2004

only, I never had any formal training in this artistic work. I started experimenting on my own. I spend 4 hrs in the morning and 2 hrs in the evening in my



workshop. It gives me immense relaxation and energy." Says Dr. Vettath.

Dr. John Vettath who was HOD of Cardio thoracic surgery in CMC Ludhiana came back to Kerala to look after his ailing parents. "At the pinnacle of my career, I left my job there. I landed in Kangazha where I had to do even caesarean section in the light of hurricane lamp". He later worked in MOSC Hospital, Kolenchery for 13 years. He called it a day at the age of 70 years while working in Lourdes Hospital. "After that Friday evening, I have not seen a single patient, as a doctor and surgeon." says Dr. Vettath.

He opens up a big almirah filled with variety of kites. He shows me different books on kite making. "I used to make these kites exactly as per the specification in the books. It was my hobby to fly these kites in Cherai Beach." He shows me a variety of books on Magic. In the Surgical Society meetings Dr. Vettath used



to split his allotted time for scientific talks and magic demos." Magic really thrills me," quips Dr. Vettath.

At the age of 86 Dr. Vettath still enjoys and reinvents life in the company of his wife Dr. Naomi.

Dr. V.D. Pradeep Kumar, Editor

LAST MONTH CME

Dr. Junaid Rahman

Secretary



illegal and unjustifiable.







A panel discussion on "What is new in Hepatits B and Hepatitis C" was held with Dr. G.N. Ramesh (PVS Hospital) as moderator. The panel included Dr. Charles Panakkal, Medical Trust, Dr. Dawney Zachariah, Lourdes Hospital, Dr. Shibi Mathew, PVS Hospital, and Dr. Antony Chettupuzha.

Bring out the artist in you!

Bring back those merry moments of singing, dancing, acting, Recapture those magical moments which we all loved and enjoyed a lot.

Introducing Doctors Media Vision, an online community, exclusively for doctors from all disciplines, dedicated to contemporary art. Here, we doctors can maintain our online art gallery, exhibit our creativity and network with others like-minded. You can also discover remarkable collection of art from doctors across the globe. Comment on their artwork and user pages.

This site has the right mix of established artists, budding artists, art collectors, critics, and gallery owners from across the world. Members can create their profiles, upload their work in the form of images, music, audio narration and video, and net-work with others in the community.

So sing, dance, paint, write, capture a rare moment and post it on this site. The site calls itself "passion beyond profession" and is a great place to meet lots of interesting people, and create groups to do some fun activity together. Log on to www.doctorsmediavision.com and become a member

furnishing your personal details at DMV, register to create your own blog to promote your work and make it public so even non medical users can view it.

Come on, Let's walk back. Do some whistling. Step to tango. Howl. Dance in the corridor. Paint.

A wind is bustling. Close your eyes. It's the thunder from the auditorium. Was it inter-batch? Dr. Rajesh Raju George, Little Flower Hospital, Angamaly (Mob : 984760 13395)

WIMA Activities - January 2013

WIMA General Body meeting was conducted on 29th January 2013 in IMA House.

Dr. Girija Gurudas, one of the leading gynecologists in Cochin took a class on "OBESITY- a modern Lifestyle disorder". It was an elaborate lecture and she explained the various factors that cause obesity and also about the healthy lifestyle which can reduce obesity to certain extend. Next General Body Meeting is scheduled on 26th Feb 2013.







Medical Camps conducted by Cochin IMA 19th Jan - Asthma Camp in Laxmi Hospital, Thripunithura by Dr. Manju.

- 21st Jan Osteoporosis clinic by Dr. Soje Kurien at Saraf Hospital free Bone Densitometry was done and Calcium tablets prescribed.
- 26th Jan Medical checkup for children and class on Nutrition by Dr. Maniu at Laxmi Hospital, Thripunithura.
- 27th Jan Medical camp at St Mary's Church, Thengode by Dr. Salini.

IMA Blood Bank

Total 1287 units of blood was collected. Deferred donors from predonation is 163. Discarded units of blood due to positive lab results is 14. NAT tested donor samples from 1.1.2013 to 31.01.2013 = 1287. No. Discarded from NAT LAB is NIL. Blood and blood components issued is 2367. Whole Blood - 46, Packed Cells - 1153; Fresh Frozen Plasma - 657; Single Donor Plasma - 30: Platelet Concentrate - 388: Crvo Precipitate -30; Platelet Rich Plasma (PRP) - 0; Washed RBC - 63; BUFFY - 0. Patients in 97 hospitals were beneficiaries, and 127 units of blood issued free of cost. 19 blood donation camps were conducted during the month.

Dr. Sunil K. Mathai (Secretary, IMA Blood Bank) gave a detailed presentation on NAT testing during the DTF meeting in Muvattupuzha. There was an active interaction with the audience.

Dr. K. Narayanan Kutty, Chairman, IMA Blood Bank

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