

8th ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF NEONATAL NURSES (IANN)

The 8th annual conference of Indian Association of neonatal Nurses (IANN) was organized in collaboration with College of nursing, AIIMS Bhubaneswar. Dr Geethanjali Batmanabane, Director, AIIMS Bhubaneswar presided over the inaugural session. The Conference was graced by Mr Dilip Kumar, president Indian Nursing council, Dr Deorari, Dr. Manju Vasta, Founder President-IANN, Dr S C Mahapatra, Dean academics, AIIMS Bhubaneswar, Dr. Asha P Shetty, Principal college of Nursing and Dr. Jyothi Sarin. Around 300 delegates from all over India participated in the event.



The programme was formally inaugurated at 9.30 am on 9th February 2020 followed by 5 consecutive pre-conference workshops. The workshops were coordinated by faculty from different institutions. Preconference workshop had 5- skill stations to impart hands-on training on 'Optimizing the Golden hour', 'Qualitative initiative in neonatology', 'Simulation in Neonatal Care', 'Invasive and noninvasive Respiratory Support', 'Care of Babies born too soon and too small' and 'Neuro developmental supportive care'.



On Day 2, on 10th February 2020 at 9.30 am, conference began with first plenary session on 'Recent advances in neonatal care' chaired by Ms. Parul Datta and Dr. Asha P. Shetty. Topic were 'Therapeutic hypothermia'

by Dr. Tapas Som. 'Regenerative therapies' by Dr. P R Tripathy. 'Neonatal seizures' on Dr. Pankaj Mohanty. 'ROP screening' by Dr. Sucheta Parija.



Second plenary session was on 'Cost effective interventions to improve Neonatal outcomes and LBW survival' were chaired by Dr. Jyoti Sarin and Ms. Susy Sarah John. Topics were Human milk banking: global and Indian perspectives by Ms. Alpana Mai Bera, Delayed cord clamping, KMC/ Skin to skin contact by Dr. M.V. Smitha and Family integrated neonatal care by Dr. Asha P. Shetty.

Free paper presentation was followed by IANN annual general body meetings and elections.

On Day 3, 11th February 2020 plenary session on 'quality indicators in neonatal nursing' was chaired by Ms. Geetanjili Kaplyan and Ms. Jessy Paul. Topics were 'Safety reducing medications and iatrogenic errors' in NICU by Ms. Achala, 'Safety and prevention of nosocomial infections' by Dr. Joseph John, 'Pain management' by Ms. Malar Kodi.



Second plenary session on 'Clinical cases from NICU- learning from events and scientific evidences' was chaired by Dr. Alpana Mai Bera and Ms. Srinithya R. The topics were 'Neonatal Surgical Emergencies' by Dr. Kanishka Das, 'Neonatal emergencies- clinical cases from NICU' by Ms. Banrikordor K, 'Neonatal Emergencies' by Ms. Mamta.

A panel discussion on ‘leadership in neonatal nursing- Bridging the divide between education and practices’ was moderated by Dr. Manju Vatsa and panellists were Dr. Jyoti Sarin, Dr. Asha P. Shetty, Ms. Malar Kodi, and Ms. Geetanjali Kalyan. At 2:15 P.M, a free paper presentation began and feedback from delegates was taken. Dr. M.V. Smitha provided the final report of IANN 2020. The winners of posters and oral presentation were declared. With a valedictory session IANN conference was concluded. Participants expressed their positive experiences in the context of gain in knowledge and skills in neonatal care.

