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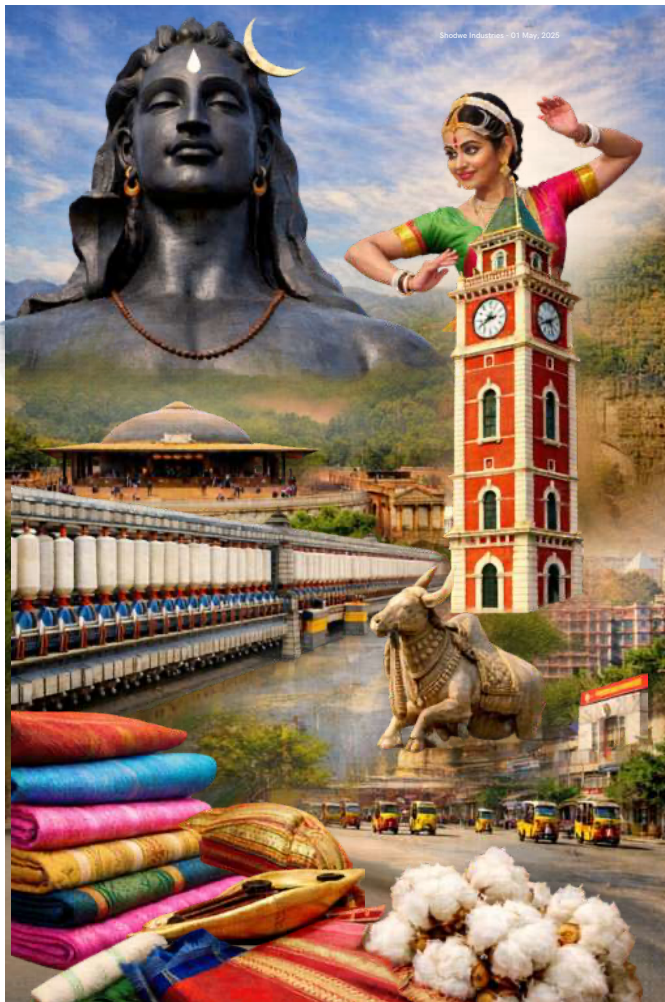
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FROM IAP
COIMBATORE ORGANISING TEAM

Message from the Editor

It gives me great pleasure to present this official newsletter from the IAP Coimbatore Organizing Team for PEDICON 2027.

This newsletter aims to keep our members and delegates informed and engaged with all aspects of the conference. It will feature updates on the scientific program, workshops, and academic sessions, along with essential information on travel, accommodation, and conference logistics.

In addition, we will bring you glimpses of Coimbatore, along with engaging academic insights and lighter moments to enrich your conference experience.

We look forward to your active participation and support as we journey towards making PEDICON 2027 a memorable and enriching event.

Dr. A. Jayavardhana
Editor

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PEDICON Connect is a wonderful initiative that strengthens our academic and professional bonding within the Indian Academy of Pediatrics.

It reflects our commitment to continuous learning, collaboration, and innovation in pediatric care.

As we move toward PEDICON 2027, such platforms keep the scientific spirit alive beyond conference halls.

I appreciate the organizing team for this forward-thinking effort.

Wishing all readers an enriching and engaging experience.

Warm regards,

Dr. Neelam Mohan

President, Indian Academy of Pediatrics

PEDICON Connect is a meaningful step in keeping our pediatric community engaged and informed.

It serves as a bridge for sharing knowledge, ideas, and collective experiences.

As we approach PEDICON 2027, such initiatives foster continuity and collaboration.

My compliments to the team for this thoughtful effort.

Wishing you all an insightful reading experience.

Warm regards,

Dr. M. Singaravelu

President-Elect, Indian Academy of Pediatrics



PEDICON Connect is a commendable initiative that strengthens academic interaction within the IAP.

It reflects our shared commitment to continuous learning and professional growth.

As we look ahead to PEDICON 2027, such platforms help sustain engagement and collaboration.

I congratulate the organizing team for this thoughtful effort.

Wishing all readers a meaningful and enriching experience.

Warm regards,

Dr. Ruchita Gupta

Honorary Secretary, Indian Academy of Pediatrics

PEDICON Connect is a thoughtful initiative that keeps our pediatric community informed and engaged.

It reflects the planning, coordination, and collective effort behind PEDICON 2027.

Such platforms help strengthen transparency, communication, and participation.

I appreciate the team for this excellent effort.

Looking forward to a vibrant and successful PEDICON 2027.

Warm regards,

Dr. Alok Bhandari

Treasurer,





PEDICON Connect reflects our effort to keep the momentum of learning and engagement alive.

It offers a platform to share ideas, updates, and the evolving journey toward PEDICON 2027.

Beyond the conference, it helps build stronger academic and professional connections.

I thank the team for their commitment in bringing out this initiative.

Looking forward to welcoming you all to an inspiring PEDICON 2027.

Warm regards,

Dr. M. Ismail

Chief Organizing Chairperson,

PEDICON Connect is an important step in keeping our community informed and connected.

It captures the spirit of preparation, collaboration, and academic enthusiasm leading to PEDICON 2027.

Through this platform, we aim to share updates and build excitement for what lies ahead.

My sincere appreciation to the team for this initiative.

Looking forward to your active participation in PEDICON 2027.

Warm regards,

Dr. K. Rajendran

Chief Organising Secretary,



PEDICON Connect is a dynamic platform that reflects the evolving scientific journey toward PEDICON 2027.

It highlights our focus on academic excellence, innovation, and meaningful knowledge exchange.

Through this initiative, we aim to keep the scientific dialogue active and engaging.

My appreciation to the team for this commendable effort.

Looking forward to an enriching academic experience at PEDICON 2027.

Warm regards,

Dr. V. Tiroumourougane Serane

Scientific Committee Secretary,

with best compliments from



IAP Coimbatore



Greetings, Esteemed Doctors!
Get ready to meet your new conference sidekick, the PEDICON 2027

WhatsApp Bot – Kovai Gaja! 🐘

Just shoot a "Hi" to +91 98409 27535, and let the magic unravel.

This is the first-ever national conference innovation that delivers all the essential details right to your screen and will soon morph into your very own digital assistant. Discover a smarter way to stay in the loop with PEDICON 2027.

PEDICON 2027 Registration Tariff

Category	Early Bird upto 31 Mar 2026	Up-to 30 Jun 2026	1st Jul- 30th Sep 2026	1st Oct- 31st Dec 2026	On Spot 1st Jan 2027 onwards
IAP Member - Life, Fellow, Associate life	INR 13,000	INR 17,000	INR 21,500	INR 25,500	INR 29,500
Accompanying Person of IAP Member / Children above 6 years	INR 13,000	INR 17,000	INR 21,500	INR 25,500	INR 29,500
Non-IAP Member	INR 19,000	INR 23,500	INR 28,500	INR 33,000	INR 37,500
Accompanying Person of Non-IAP Member / Children above 6 years	INR 19,000	INR 23,500	INR 28,500	INR 33,000	INR 37,500
Post Graduate	INR 9,000	INR 9,000	INR 9,000	INR 9,000	INR 14,000
Corporate Delegate	INR 31,000	INR 36,000	INR 40,000	INR 47,000	INR 54,000
SAARC	USD 240	USD 300	USD 360	USD 420	USD 480
NON-SAARC	USD 300	USD 360	USD 420	USD 480	USD 540
IAP Senior Citizen above 70 Years *	Complimentary			INR 15,000	INR 15,000
The senior citizen member should have completed 70 years as on 01/Jan/2026					
All of the above tariff is inclusive of GST @ 18%					

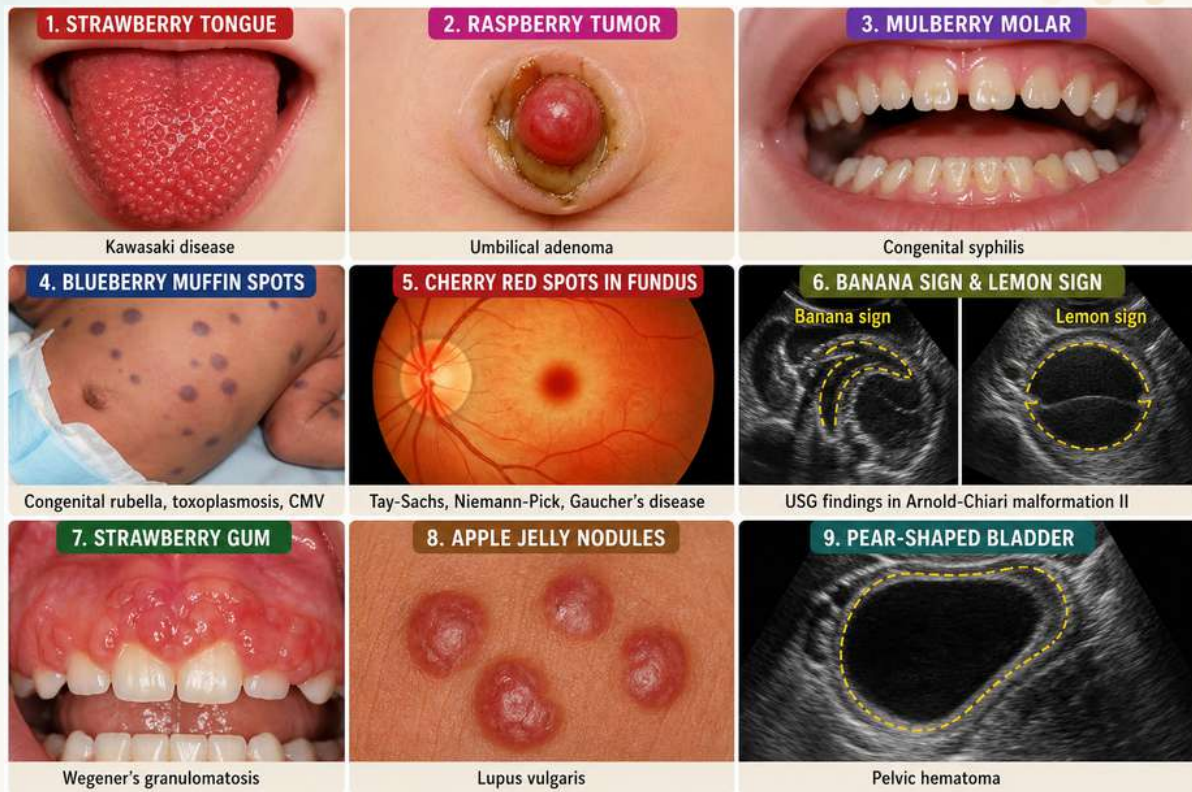


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FRUITS AS AN ANALOGY IN CLINICAL PEDIATRICS



Contributed by Dr. R. Vinothkumar, Pondicherry

📌 Radiology Challenge: Where Is the Heart?

A 14-year-old child presents with acute respiratory distress. Upon clinical examination, the following is noted:
Reduced air entry on the left side, No apparent signs of cardiac failure, A chest X-ray is conducted.

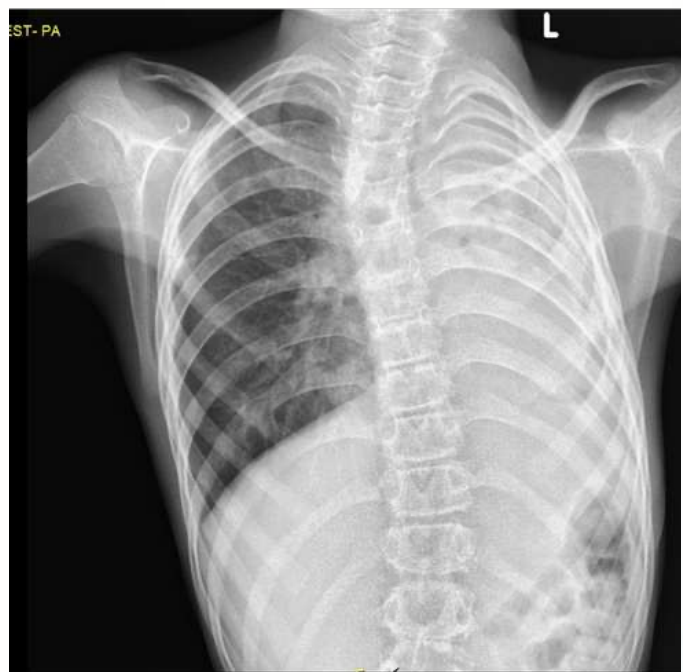
- What are the key radiological findings?
- Where is the heart ?
- What will be your next step in management?

✍️ Send Your Answers!

We invite you to share your interpretation and plan with us.

correct Answers will be revealed in the next issue with names

Contributed by Dr. Nidharshana, Coimbatore





Hematology Challenge: Decode the CBC

A 11 year girl child who had seizures since 2 years of age and was diagnosed as a probable case of Sturge Weber syndrome (CT Brain - Calcification of cortex and uncritical white matter of right fronto parieto occipital regions ; MRI - Thinning of corpus callosum with periventricular hyperintensities) and has been on poly therapy with anti epileptics. This time, she presented with fever and cough for 5 days and breathlessness for 1 day. On examination, she had tachypnea, tachycardia, anaemia and hypoxia (SPO2 - 87 to 93%) which improved with oxygen.

Parameter	Value
Hb	4.5 g/dL
HCT	14.50%
MCV	103.6 fL
MCH	35 pg
MCHC	33.8 g/dL
RDW-SD	69.6 fL
RDW-CV	19.70%
WBC (Total)	7,000/mcL
ANC	4,600/mcL
ALC	2,200/mcL
Platelet Count	97,000/mcL
MPV	9.9 fL

Other investigations :

1. Serum Ferritin - 102 mg/dL
2. Serum LDH - 3,514 mg/dL
3. Renal and Liver function tests - Within normal limits
4. Serum Vitamin B12 - 350.7 pg/ml (Normal : 151.6 to 620.6)

Question : What would be the next test you like to order for?

👉 Can you interpret this hemogram and arrive at the most likely diagnosis?

📝 Send us your answers!

🏆 Top correct responses will be featured in the next issue.

👥 Let's see who gets it right!

Contributed by Dr. M. Krithiga, Thenii

Take a Stylish Break at PEDICON 2027 ✨

Between insightful sessions, unwind with a touch of tradition and elegance. Discover the charm of Sirumugai Silks — where every saree tells a story of heritage, craftsmanship, and modern grace. 🌸

From classic kora borders to sleek contemporary designs, find a drape that speaks to your style.

✨ Lightweight comfort for long conference days

✨ A perfect blend of tradition and sophistication

Because even at PEDICON, elegance never takes a break.



Arisi Paruppu Sadam is a signature dish of the Kongu region (around Coimbatore) and a must-try for PEDICON delegates.

It's a simple yet deeply satisfying one-pot meal made with rice, toor dal, mild spices, and ghee. Often served with crispy appalam, pickle, or spicy chicken/vegetable sides.

Why you should try it:

- 🌿 Light and easy to digest during a busy conference day
- 🍲 Authentic local flavor of Tamil Nadu
- 🍴 Comfort food with rich taste despite simple ingredients

🏆 PEDICON 2027 – Gear Up to Compete!

Hey Athletes,

PEDICON 2027 is packed with thrilling sports events:

🏏 **Cricket** | 🎾 **Tennis** | 🏸 **Badminton** | ♟️ **Chess**

+ More games coming your way!

🌟 **Relax, bond, and battle it out beyond the lecture halls.**

🔥 **Get your game face on and start training today!**

🏆 **Fun. Fitness. Fierce competition.**

📢 **Stay tuned for details and the schedule!**



The Red Spurfowl



PEDICON 2027
inside, paradise outside
Coimbatore is a treat
for bird watchers with
many birds to spot!"

Among the scrub and forest shade,
In chestnut hues, a form is laid —
The spurfowl treads the leaf-strewn ground,
Its clucking call a rustic sound.
With spurred legs strong, it roams its domain,
Through rocky slopes and thorny plain,
A secretive and wary soul,
It slips like dusk through bush and bole.
The male glows warm as autumn earth,
His rufous plumes of burnished worth,
Within the thickets, dry and dense,
He fades away — alert, intense.
A jewel of India's woodland art,
Half-hidden, playing nature's part —
The red spurfowl, flame-feathered, shy,
An ember-bird beneath the sky.

Image and write-up provided by
Dr. Aswath, Coimbatore.

Love Vintage Cars? Don't Miss This!

Take a refreshing break from the conference and immerse yourself in a realm of timeless elegance at this exceptional automobile museum. Discover iconic classics such as the Benz Motorwagen, Austin 7, BMW Isetta 250, Cadillac Limousine, and Toyota Sera.

- Experience royal heritage with cars once owned by the Maharajas of Udaipur.
- Uncover Indian innovation through G. D. Naidu's remarkable prototype.
- Admire a vintage Burma Shell petrol pump that enhances the charm.

For those delegates who have a passion for vintage cars, this experience is truly unmissable!



✨ PEDICON Connect – Call for Contributions

PEDICON Connect invites delegates to share their voices and experiences:

- 🏠 **My Coimbatore Story** – memorable moments, travel tales, reflections
- 📖 **Academic Snippets** – clinical pearls and quick learning insights
- 💡 **Innovations & Ideas** – practice-changing approaches
- 🖋️ **Reflections** – what PEDICON means to you

✨ **Selected contributions will be featured and archived on the official conference website—creating a lasting chronicle of PEDICON 2027.**

✉️ **How to Contribute**

✉️ **Email:** nationalpedicon2027@gmail.com

📱 **WhatsApp:** 7418592027

🤖 **Chatbot:** Kovai Gaja – 9840927535 (send “Hi” to explore)

📷 **Instagram:** @pedicon2027

📘 **Facebook:** pedicon2027

☀️ **Your Story. Your Learning. Your Voice.**

Be a part of the PEDICON Chronicle.

✨ **Stay Tuned for the Next Issue!**

Exciting updates await—workshops, poster presentations, award sessions, cultural programs, PEDICON quiz, and much more at PEDICON 2027.

🔔 **The next issue brings you closer to all the action—
don't miss it!**