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"Hi" to 98409 27535**

Message from the Editor

Dear Readers,

Welcome to the second issue of PEDICON Connect as we move closer to PEDICON 2027 at Coimbatore.

The response to our first issue has been truly encouraging. Through this newsletter, we aim to keep the pediatric community connected with academic updates, innovations, interactive features, and glimpses of Coimbatore's culture and experiences.

PEDICON 2027 is evolving into a vibrant platform of learning, collaboration, and engagement beyond conference halls.

We thank all contributors and readers for their support and warmly invite more voices, ideas, and experiences for upcoming issues.

Warm regards,

Dr. A. Jayavardhana
Editor

Exclusive Update from the Organising Secretary

PEDICON 2027 is set to introduce Silent Halls for selected scientific sessions — an innovative conference experience aimed at improving audio clarity and minimizing distractions during parallel sessions.

Delegates will be provided with wireless headphones, allowing them to listen to the session audio clearly while moving within designated zones. This concept is designed to enhance learning, comfort, and audience engagement, especially in large conference venues.

With this initiative, PEDICON 2027 continues its commitment to bringing modern, delegate-friendly innovations to the conference experience.

Warm regards,

Dr. K. Rajendran
Chief Organising Secretary
PEDICON 2027



PEDICON 2027 Organising Committee Review Meeting

The PEDICON 2027 Organising Committee Review Meeting was successfully held at CODISSIA Hall on May 3, with enthusiastic participation from senior leadership, committee members, and operational teams.

Key Attendees:

Dr. Neelam Mohan, President, Indian Academy of Pediatrics; Dr. M. Singaravelu, President-Elect, IAP; Dr. Basavaraja, Past President, IAP; Dr. V. Tiroumourougane Serane; Dr. M. Ismail; Dr. K. Rajendran; Dr. Lakshmi Shanthi; along with various organizing and scientific committee members actively involved in shaping PEDICON 2027.

Operational Teams:

Representatives from the IT Team, Fabrication Team, Travel Team, Event Management Team, Audiovisual Team, and Food & Hospitality Team also participated in the review discussions, reflecting the extensive multidisciplinary coordination behind the conference preparations.

Key Highlights

The official release of the PEDICON 2027 Trade Brochure marked an important milestone in industry engagement and conference planning. The review meeting reflected the strong teamwork, planning, and collective vision driving PEDICON 2027 toward becoming a landmark national pediatric conference.

✨ The momentum toward PEDICON 2027 continues to build.





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- Neonatal Respiratory Support

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- Beyond the NICU
- Developmental Pediatrics
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- Neonatal Nursing Excellence

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- Pulmonology & Asthma
- Hemato-Oncology
- ID, Nephrology & Allergy




Practical OPD & Diagnostics

- Neuroinvestigations Made Easy
- Genetics for Pediatricians
- Early Childhood Eye Care


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 Beginner |  Intermediate |  Advanced level categorization planned for better learning experience.

Which workshop are YOU most excited about?

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🏓 PEDICON 2027 Pickleball Decision Tree



PEDICON 2027 believes doctors also deserve fitness, fun, stress relief, and active living. 🏃 🏓



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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
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The senior citizen member should have completed 70 years as on 01/Jan/2026					
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Koniamman Ther Thiruvizha – A Coimbatore Heritage

Rajesh Govindarajulu – Fourth generation Jeweller from Coimbatore evincing keen interest in the history and tradition of Coimbatore.



Who guards Coimbatore? Nine divine sisters do—and Arulmigu Koniamman Temple reigns supreme among them. Alongside Makaliamman, Bhadrakaliamman, Draupadiamman, Vasavi Kannikaparameswariamman, Kamakshiamman, Sowdamman, Dandumariamman and Ankala Parameswariamman, she has protected the city for centuries.

Long ago, when forests covered the foothills of the Western Ghats, Irula chieftain Kovan prayed to Koniamman for protection. As trade flourished and the Cholas expanded into Kongu Nadu under Aditya Chola I, Coimbatore grew around the temple, nourished by water bodies like Ukkadam Lake.

Koniamman is worshipped as Devi Durga Mahishasuramardhini—the fierce guardian of both ruler and people. Her grandeur comes alive during the famous Ther Thiruvizha, when Raja Street, Oppanakara Street, Vysial Street and K.G. Street overflow with devotion. Women offer turmeric, vermilion and bangles during Chaattu and Thirukalyanam ceremonies.

At Raju Bhavan on Vysial Street, P.A. Raju Chettiar and family received the deity with prayers and aarti, a cherished moment shared by all.

On the festival day, thousands pull the majestic wooden temple car through the city streets amid chants, lamps and celebration. The Koniamman Car Festival is more than a tradition—it is the heartbeat of Coimbatore, uniting the city in faith and togetherness.

Nature Spotlight: Coimbatore's Birdlife




*"Some birds hide from predators.
The leafbird hides from photographers."*

Gold fronted Leafbird

A vibrant green bird endemic to the Western Ghats near Coimbatore. Known for its leaf-like camouflage, black facial mask, and brilliant blue throat patch, the Jerdon's Leafbird feeds on fruits, nectar, and insects while blending effortlessly into forest canopies.

Interesting Facts:

- Often called a "living leaf" because of its incredible camouflage
- Can mimic calls of other birds
- Plays an important role in pollination and seed dispersal
- One of the beautiful endemic birds of the Western Ghats biodiversity hotspot

 These stunning birds can often be spotted in the Western Ghats around Coimbatore.

A special birdwatching tour is being planned during PEDICON 2027 — details coming soon.

 **Photo courtesy: Dr. Aswath D, Coimbatore.**

My Coimbatore story

Coimbatore is more than a city: it is an experience that nurtures the mind, comforts the body, and uplifts the soul- Dr Geetha Patil- Senior IAP member from Bangalore and past chairperson AHA



My visit to Coimbatore was a refreshing and memorable experience. Known as the “Manchester of South India,” the city beautifully combines tradition, spirituality, nature, and modern lifestyle. The pleasant climate, clean surroundings, and warm hospitality made the trip enjoyable and relaxing.

One of the highlights of the visit was the peaceful experience at Isha Yoga Center. Surrounded by the scenic Velliangiri Hills, the atmosphere was calm and spiritually uplifting. The magnificent Adiyogi Shiva Statue left a deep impression of peace and positivity.

Coimbatore is also a paradise for food lovers.

I enjoyed authentic South Indian dishes such as crispy dosas, fluffy idlis, pongal, and filter coffee. Popular eateries like Annapoorna Gowrishankar are famous for their delicious traditional meals. The city offers a wonderful blend of traditional Tamil cuisine and modern cafés.

Shopping in Coimbatore was another delightful experience.

The city is well known for cotton textiles, silk sarees, dress. Busy shopping areas like Brookefields Mall and local markets offered a wide variety of items at reasonable prices. Buying traditional sarees and local specialties made the trip even more memorable.

Coimbatore's Pride — The Legendary Wet Grinder

When people think of Coimbatore, they often remember the pleasant climate, textiles, engineering excellence, and filter coffee. But there is another silent hero from this city that has entered millions of Indian kitchens — the iconic table-top wet grinder.

Coimbatore is officially recognized as the birthplace of the modern wet grinder and proudly holds the **Geographical Indication (GI) tag for "Coimbatore Wet Grinder."**

From homes to hotels, generations have trusted these sturdy machines to create the perfect idli and dosa batter — soft, fermented, and full of tradition.

Even today, local markets in Coimbatore continue to attract buyers from across the country looking for durable grinders at prices often better than online stores. Much like Coimbatore's pediatric community, these grinders are known for one thing — reliability built over decades.

So while you explore the academics, food, culture, and warmth of Kovai, don't miss one of its most iconic inventions — the humble wet grinder that helped shape South Indian cuisine.



Elaneer Payasam - The Sweet Soul of Coimbatore

No grand Tamil feast is truly complete without a memorable dessert, and in Coimbatore, one delicacy continues to win hearts across generations — Elaneer Payasam.

A signature dessert from the Kongunadu culinary tradition, Elaneer Payasam is prepared using tender coconut water, tender coconut pulp, milk, condensed milk, sugar, and a touch of cardamom for flavor and aroma. Refreshing, soothing, and delicately sweet, it is one of Coimbatore's most loved traditional desserts.

Served during weddings, festive celebrations, and special gatherings, this iconic dish perfectly reflects the warmth and hospitality of the region. The cooling freshness of tender coconut makes every spoonful a delightful experience after a traditional South Indian meal.

🍦 A sweet memory of Coimbatore awaits you!





answer to Issue 1 hematology

Answer: Serum Folate Level

Serum folate level for the child was 0.6 ng/mL (Normal: 8.6 to 37.7)

Explanation:

The child has been on Anti-epileptics for the past 9 years, that included Sodium valproate which blocks folate metabolism.

Here CBC shows macrocytic anaemia with increased RDW that is suggestive of Megaloblastic anaemia. Platelets are reduced and LDH is raised which is known to occur in Megaloblastic anaemia.

Since B12 levels are normal and with the risk factor of prolonged Anti-epileptic therapy, the likely diagnosis is Folate deficiency and hence checking serum folate levels would be the next best step.

🔑 Key Clinical Pointers:

- Sodium valproate blocks folate metabolism
- Macrocytic anaemia + increased RDW → Megaloblastic anaemia
- Reduced platelets + raised LDH → supports Megaloblastic anaemia
- Normal B12 + prolonged AED use → Folate deficiency
- Next best step: Check serum folate levels



Answer to X-Ray Quiz-1

The cardiac silhouette is obscured because the entire left hemithorax is opacified by fluid.

Differentials:

- Massive pleural effusion
- Complete lung collapse
- Large congenital diaphragmatic hernia
- Post-pneumonectomy

IMAGE QUIZ -2

1 year old boy, born of 3rd degree consanguineous marriage, was brought with complaint of not attaining head control. Child has global developmental delay, hypotonia and characteristic hair change.



Image courtesy Dr. Nancy Jeba Angeline. Coimbatore

1. What is the diagnosis and its inheritance pattern?
2. Which gene is commonly mutated in this condition?
3. Name the characteristic hair shaft abnormality and the treatment if diagnosed early.

RADIOLOGY QUIZ -2

A 1 year 5 month old female child presented with hemiplegia , there was history of minor trauma and MRI was suggestive of acute infarct (Acute infarct in left corona radiata and left capsuloganglionic regions. Extensive evaluation including cardiac , coagulation , prothrombotic workup , lactate , homocysteine , vessel wall imaging and autoimmune panel were normal. CT done during second episode of hemiplegia and unsteadiness showed the following finding .

1. **What is the finding seen in the given CT image ?**
2. **What is the likely diagnosis?**



Image courtesy Dr. Jothilakshmi.k coimbatore

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ISSUE 1 QUIZ – CORRECT ANSWER WINNERS

Congratulations to

- ★ Dr. P. Sivagurunathan
- ★ Dr. Senthil Kumar
- ★ Dr. Sumangali Pandey
- ★ Dr. Roni Das
- ★ Dr. Hakkim Ahamad
- ★ Dr. Ganesh Chowdery



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We are now eagerly
awaiting responses for the
Issue 2 Quiz!

Delegates are also encouraged
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