

REPORT FROM INDIA



India National Report (January–May 2025)
Submitted to MWIA by Dr. Mandakini Megh, National President, AMWI

Foreword

It is with immense pride and gratitude that I, Dr. Mandakini Megh, National President of the Association of Medical Women in India (AMWI), present this semi-annual national report for the period January to May 2025. This term has been marked by tremendous progress, international recognition, and grassroots expansion in line with AMWI's mission to equip, educate, and empower medical women across the country. The Association's participation on both national and global fronts continues to grow in influence, strengthening our collaborative spirit and impact.

A landmark moment was my election as President-Elect of the Medical Women's International Association (MWIA), a proud recognition of India's active and constructive contributions to the global platform. Additionally, Dr. Vandana Walvekar was elected Vice President for Central Asia Regional Council (CARC), further cementing India's role in shaping regional priorities.

International Recognition and Leadership Updates

- Dr. Mandakini Megh, National President of AMWI and Past President of AMWI Mumbai Branch, was officially elected as President-Elect of MWIA in April 2025. The announcement was received with appreciation and enthusiasm across AMWI branches.
- Dr. Vandana Walvekar, Past President of AMWI Mumbai Branch, was elected Vice President of the Central Asia Regional Council (CARC).
- Installation of New Officers: The ceremonial installation of Dr. Mandakini Megh will take place during the MWIA International Congress in Cairo, Egypt (October 12–14, 2025), where a strong Indian delegation is expected to participate.

AMWI Global Dialogue Connect Series

A major initiative during this term has been the launch of the AMWI Global Connect Programme, a virtual platform for international dialogue on women's health and leadership:

- April 4, 2025: First episode featured Dr. Bettina, Past President of MWIA and Dr. Usha Saraiya as the Chief Guest. This interactive series has been conceptualized by Dr. Mandakini Megh and coordinated by Dr. Gauri Karandikar, the Convenor of the Global Connect Programme. It received wide appreciation from national and international attendees.
- June 14, 2025: The second episode will feature Dr. Gabriella Casper from Australia.

These episodes aim to build professional solidarity and shared learning experiences among medical women across continents.

New AMWI Chapters Inaugurated-AMWI spreads it's wings

To strengthen the grassroots movement, six new chapters were inaugurated:

1. Tamil Nadu
2. Bangalore
3. Odisha
4. North East
5. Hassan
6. Raipur

Administrative guidelines have been disseminated to ensure proper governance and coordination.

International Women's Day, with the theme, 'Accelerate Action

Special Session on International Women's Day, with the theme, 'Accelerate Action 'was held on 9 th March, Dr. Kamini Rao was the Chief Guest and Dr. Minal Mohagaonkar, Dean SMBT college delivered the keynote address, prizes were announced for the poster and essay competitions held throughout the country on this theme

Forthcoming National Events and Policy Updates

- National Conference of AMWI to be held in Kolkata in December 2025, hosted by West Bengal Branch.
- Golden Jubilee Award 2025 will be conferred to Dr. Monica Umbardand.
- Tax-Exempt Status (80G): Application submitted by CA Atula Kulkarni is under review with the Income Tax Department, Mumbai.

Branch Reports

West Bengal Branch

- Jan 18: 25th Dr. Marie Catchatoor Oration: Dr. Anjana Malhotra on "Is There a Glass Ceiling?"
- Feb 2: Saraswati Puja celebrated at AMWI Mission Hospital.
- Feb 22: Free Health Camp with Rotary Club of North Calcutta. 24 patients screened; 3 PAP smears, 8 ECGs, and 23 blood tests conducted.
- Mar 1–2: Jhargram Health Camp: 70 patients seen, 10 PAP smears performed.
- Mar 8: 27th Dr. Mukulika Konar Memorial Oration: Dr. Indira Jha on "Diabetes in Pregnancy."
- Mar 29: 9th Dr. Meenakshi Ghosh Oration: Dr. Madhukshara Raychaudhuri on infant care.

Mumbai Branch

- 27th February -CME "Role of Calcium in the Health of Women " was held at Cytology Clinic, Cama & Albess Hospitals, Mumbai from 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm organized by Dr. Bakhtawar Vajifdar.

- 8th March - (For a week)- In memory of Dr. Avabai Mehta & Dr. Hilla Vakil, the camp was held to celebrate International Women's Day at Cama & Albles Hospitals along with Cytology Clinic staffs.
- 25th April 2025 - Annual General Body Meeting, Inauguration Ceremony and Talk on “Role of Genetics in Medical Practice” by Dr. Hema Purandare was held at 19th Floor, Seminar Hall, Jaslok Hospital and Research Centre. Dr. G. Deshmukh Marg, Mumbai between 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm

Nagpur Branch

- February 7, 2025: Traditional Haldi Kumkum celebration at IMA Hall, Nagpur. Environmental themes were emphasized, and reusable metal water bottles were distributed.
- March 7, 2025: Two CPR training programs were held for morning walkers in Nagpur, conducted by Dr. Anjali Chivhane, Dr. Kiran Vyavhare, and Dr. Shweta Bulle.
- Health Check-up & Tree Plantation: At California High School, Benoda, with involvement of the local community, led by Dr. Nalini Kurvey.
- World Cancer Day: Conducted at Mure Memorial Hospital, focusing on early detection and treatment of breast, ovarian, cervical, and endometrial cancers.
- April 11, 2025: Launch of FAST TEAM for emergency preparedness training at MNLU Law Campus, Nagpur.
- International Women’s Day Competitions: Slogan and essay competitions were held. Winners included Dr. Nalini Kurvey, Dr. Kavita Dangra, and Dr. Gayatri Deshpande.
- Apr 7: World Health Day Health Camp in Kharagpur with Calcutta Foundation. 60 patients seen; Dr. Bulbul Raichaudhuri led HPV vaccination awareness.
- Apr 26: 10th Dr. Baby Chandra Oration: Dr. Chandana Chakraborti on dry eye prevention.
- May 24: 7th Pushpa Mukherjee Oration: Dr. Manideepa Sengupta on pandemic preparedness.

Conclusion

The first five months of 2025 have seen the Association of Medical Women in India take bold steps forward—globally, technologically, and socially. Our commitment to MWIA’s goals remains unwavering as we prepare for the Cairo Congress and continue to build sustainable, inclusive healthcare ecosystems.

We are proud to represent India on the world stage and will continue to strengthen global ties, train future leaders, and serve communities with excellence and empathy.

Dr. Mandakini Megh, National President, AMWI



A proud moment for India and AMWI

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Chief Guest



Dr Usha Saraiya

Dr Mandakini Megh
President, AMWI, India

EXCLUSIVE PODCAST SERIES

Special Guest



Prof. Dr. Bettina Pfeleiderer
Germany
Past President, MWIA

**WORK ON GENDER
EQUALITY AND
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

Interview by
Dr Mandakini Megh President, AMWI, India

Convener - **Dr. Gauri Karandikar**

**FRIDAY, 04 APRIL 2025,
TIME - 5.30 PM**



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**AN INSPIRING
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Secretary - **Dr. Suvama Khadikar**
Convener - **Dr. Gauri Karandikar**

SATURDAY, 14 JUNE 2025, TIME - 4.00 PM



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ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL WOMEN IN INDIA

SPECIAL SESSION ON INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

THEME
#Accelerate Action


Dr. Mandakini Megh
National President
AMWI


Dr. Suman Khadilkar
Hon. Secretary
AMWI


Dr. Kamini Rao
Chief Guest


Dr. Pallavi Saple
Guest of Honour


Dr. Minal Mohgaonkar
Dean SMST College,
Nagpur


Dr. Geetha Bhatnagar
Secretary, AMWI
Mumbai Branch


Dr. Murali Phatak
Dean AMMS Nagpur


Dr. Bhagyalakshmi
Nayak


Dr. Sahabul Dey


Dr. Shashi Bala Bhosale


Dr. Mangal Rath


Dr. Paulomi Dey


Dr. Priya Thakur Vora


Dr. Rekha Rajendra
Kumar


Dr. Mary D Cruz


Dr. Anjali Chivhane


Dr. Gauri Karandikar
Convener


Dr. Monika Gupta
Convener


Dr. Monica Umbardand
National Coordinator

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Tuesday, 11th March 2025
Time - 5.30 - 7.30 pm

Welcome
Address
Dr. Mandakini Megh (President National AMWI)

Introduction of Chief Guest - **Dr. Gauri Karandikar**

Chief guest - **Dr. Kamini Rao**
Guest of honour - **Dr. Pallavi Saple**
Dean, Grant Medical College, Mumbai

Announcement of chapters
Dr. Suman Khadilkar

KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Chairpersons -
Dr. Charmila Ayyavoo • **Dr. Bharati Rajeshkhar**

Speaker - **Dr. Minal Mohgaonkar**
Dean SMST College
Topic - **Embrace Womanhood :
Unlock Potential through Collective Wisdom**

PANEL DISCUSSION
Topic - **Lifestyle, Mental health and gender gaps**
Moderator - **Dr. Geetha Bhatnagar**
Expert - **Dr. Murali Phatak**, Dean AIIMS, Nagpur

Panelist
Dr. Bhagyalakshmi Nayak
Dr. Sahabul Dey
Dr. Shashi Bala Bhosale
Dr. Mangal Rath
Dr. Paulomi Dey
Dr. Priya Thakur Vora
Dr. Rekha Rajendra Kumar
Dr. Mary D Cruz
Dr. Anjali Chivhane

Speaker - **Dr. Vijayalakshmi Balakrishnan**
Topic - **AMWA app- A technological revolution
for women's health**

Announcement of prizes
Dr. Monika Gupta
Dr. Monica Umbardand

Vote of thanks - **Dr. Gauri Karandikar**

On Occasion of International Women's Day
a Competition organized by AMWI
focusing on the theme

#Accelerate Action For Gender Equality

ESSAY, POSTER, SLOGAN COMPETITION

ACCELERATE ACTION FOR GENDER EQUALITY

- Essay, Poster, Slogan should be in English or Hindi.
- The decision of the judges will be considered final.
- All the entries will be judged by judges decided by the organising committee.

Last Date of Submitting Entries
9th March 2025

Results will be declared on 11th March on Women's Day


Dr. Mandakini Megh
National President
AMWI


Dr. Bulbul Rajeshkhar
Senior Vice President
AMWI


Dr. Nalin Karney
Vice President
AMWI


Dr. Suman Khadilkar
Hon. Secretary
AMWI


Dr. Monica Umbardand
National
Coordinator


Dr. Monika Gupta
Convener

Attractive Prizes for Winners
Send Your Entries To
amwinational@gmail.com





Prizes distributed to award winners



Nagpur branch performing extensive activities



In memory of Dr. Avabai Mehta & Dr. Hilla Vakil, the camp was held to celebrate International Women's Day – March 2025



Annual General Meeting APRIL 2025



PAP SMEAR CAMP



AMWI Paratwada Chapter, Colposcopy Camp
