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Adding New Dimensions on Way to Professional Growth

Considering the seminal role of breastfeeding in growth & development of children, more than 170 countries across the globe celebrate **World Breastfeeding Week (WBW)** during 1-7 August every year. This year's theme viz *Breastfeeding for a Sustainable Start in Life: Strengthen What Works*, reminds us of our collective responsibility to protect, promote, and support the time-tested practice of breastfeeding through strong health systems, and establishing enabling workplaces, and community partnerships. Nurses and midwives remain at the helm of educating mothers, supporting families, and ensuring every newborn receives the best possible start in life. I encourage all members to actively participate in awareness programmes and promote evidence-based breastfeeding practices in one's respective jurisdiction.

Preparations are in full swing for the **7th Commonwealth Nurses and Midwives Federation (CNMF) Conference 2026** being hosted by TNAI on **24-25 September 2026** at the **Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi**, under the theme, *Shaping the Future: Nurses and Midwives Navigating New Frontiers*. I warmly invite all members to register for participation in this event at the earliest and be part of this prestigious international gathering.

The **TNAI Karnataka State Branch Elections 2026** will be conducted at four venues across Karnataka on **4, 6, 8 and 10 September 2026**, culminating in the final counting and declaration of results at Bengaluru. Members are requested to participate actively. The election schedule and procedure are outlined in pp 150 of this issue.

The countdown has also begun for the **79th TNAI National Conference 2026**, scheduled for **15-16 December 2026** at **Ramoji Film City, Hyderabad**; it shall be hosted by the TNAI Telangana State Branch. State Branches are encouraged to participate in the newly instituted **Best State Parade Award, Mr. & Ms. TNAI Competition**, and **Dance Competition**, where the best entry from each State Branch will compete at the national level.

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Eligible members are also invited to submit nominations for the prestigious **TNAI Lifetime Achievement Award**. The guidelines and eligibility criteria are available in this issue, and also on TNAI's site (www.tnaionline.org).

This issue also features the report of the **TNAI National Nurses Research Grant (TNNRG) Selection Meeting**, reaffirming our commitment to promoting nursing research and evidence-based practice. We are delighted to share the visit of an **International Nursing Delegation** to TNAI Headquarters and the Greater Noida Campus for professional orientation, highlighting TNAI's growing global engagement. We also extend our heartfelt congratulations to the newly appointed **Additional Director-General, Military Nursing Service (ADGMNS)** on this glaring milestone in military nursing leadership.

Yet another recent achievement has been the inauguration of the **TNAI Tamil Nadu, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Telangana, and Odisha State Branch Offices**, along with the **Advanced Nursing Skills Laboratories**, providing a fillip to strengthening nursing education, professional development, and member services across the country.

Let us continue to work surging forward with dedication, innovation, and compassion to advance the nursing profession and improve the health and well-being of the communities we serve.

Evelyn P Kannan

Chief Editor & Secretary General TNAI



International Conference

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Note: Conference organisers cannot provide financial assistance for travel or accommodation. Presenters must register and pay the applicable fee. Reduced registration will be available for presenters.

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79th TNAI National Conference 2026 hosted by TNAI Telangana State Branch

The Best State Parade Award General Guidelines and Criteria

As per the Core Action Committee Decision, The Best State Parade Award shall be instituted during the 79th TNAI National Conference. The award aims to recognize and honor the TNAI State Branch that best showcases the culture, traditions, and unity of its State/Union Territory through an outstanding parade presentation.

General Guidelines

- Each TNAI State Branch may nominate a team of a maximum of **15 members** including the State Branch President and Secretary to represent its State/Union Territory.
- Participants shall wear authentic traditional attire representing the culture and heritage of their respective State/Union Territory.
- The presentation should reflect the uniqueness of the State through traditional costumes, cultural symbols, props (if any), and overall presentation.
- The parade shall be dignified, disciplined, and in keeping with the decorum of a professional nursing organization.
- Participants shall march in an orderly manner and maintain proper formation throughout the parade.
- Use of lightweight hand-held cultural props is permitted; however, they should not obstruct movement or pose any safety risk.
- No fire, fireworks, hazardous materials, or live animals shall be permitted.
- Each team shall assemble at the designated venue at least **30 minutes** before the commencement of the parade.
- The decision of the judges shall be final and binding.

Judging Criteria

Category	Includes	Marks
Cultural Authenticity	Authentic representation of the State's culture and traditions, traditional costume, and overall appearance	15
Performance & Presentation	State song (audio/video), creativity, visual presentation, and overall impact	15
Coordination & Discipline	Formation, discipline, coordination, marching, team spirit, and confidence	10
Use of Cultural Elements	Effective use of cultural symbols, props, and overall presentation	10
Total		50

Award:

One **Best State Parade Award** shall be presented to the State Branch securing the highest overall score will be given cash Award of **Rs. 25,000**.

Evaluation Committee

The parade shall be evaluated by an independent panel of judges appointed by the TNAI Organizing Committee. The decision of the judges shall be final, and no correspondence regarding the results shall be entertained.

We kindly request all the state President and Secretary to co-ordinate the same.

Yours' Sincerely

Mrs. Evelyn P Kannan
Secretary General, TNAI



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Application/Nomination Form-Lifetime Achievement Award

Photo

I. Personal Details

1	Name	
2	Complete address with email, and phone number:	
3	TNAI number*	Year of enrolment

II. Professional Qualification (Mention the Highest):

#	Institute	Year of Passing	University
1			
2			
3			

III. Professional Experience (Additional sheets can be used)

#	Position held	Name of Institute	Years of Service

Total Years of Clinical Experience:

Total Years of Teaching Experience:

Total Years of Administrative Experience:

IV. Activities/Contributions for TNAI

1	Position Held in TNAI* (Mention the highest 01 post and other posts held by the applicant can be included in the attachment with a heading of "Other positions held")	Zonal	
		State	
		National	
2	No of members enrolled by applicant (can be obtained from TNAI National office by sending an email to membership@tnaionline.org)		
3	Contribution for TNAI upliftment (A brief write up of activities taken by the applicant as a member and as an office bearer of TNAI can be submitted in a separate sheet maximum 3 pages.)		
4	Any other relevant information/ achievements		

V. Major Professional/Research Activities: Authorship of book, article, publication, media presence, research projects, community outreach etc.

S No	Particulars	Year (s) of accomplishment	Remarks

VI. Distinguished/Reputed awards received: A small description of the award can be attached (not more than 50 words for each award).

S.No.	Name of the Award	Awarding agency/organization	Year of receipt

Signature of the Applicant/Nominator

Recommendation by the TNAI

State Branch President

Name:

Signature:

Recommendation by the TNAI

State Branch Secretary

Name:

Signature:

Important Instructions

1. Attach a copy of relevant certificate(s)/publication(s) as necessary.
2. Applications to be sent to TNAI Headquarters at New Delhi on or before 30th October 2026.
3. Application can be in typed or written format.
4. TNAI members who are currently holding offices at the National and State levels are not eligible to apply for this award.
5. The applicant shall be above the age of 60 years at the time of application.
6. Application can be in typed or written format.

The filled application forms along with supportive documents shall be sent to:

The Secretary General,

The Trained Nurses' Association of India,
L-17, Florence Nightingale Lane,
Green Park Main, New Delhi- 110016,
Ph: 011-26566665, 26966873, 26858304
Email: tnai_2003@yahoo.com

The applications shall be superscribed as "Application for the Life Time Achievement Award".

Note: For Life Time Achievement Award Guidelines and Award Presentation details kindly refer to our website: www.tnaionline.org

Lodging at TNAI Headquarters Made Easier !

TNAI Hqrs has expanded its capacity to accommodate more of TNAI members visiting Delhi. The TNAI members including students visiting Delhi on official or professional tours can avail the lodging facility, within the TNAI Hqrs premises at reasonable charges. The per day charges are as under:

TNAI Members: Rs. 600/-

SNA Members: Rs. 250/-

Non-Members: Rs. 900/-

Children below 5 yrs: No charges

Children 6-12 yrs: Rs. 150/-

However, due to limited beds, interested members may get the booking done in advance.

Secretary-General, TNAI

TNAI Karnataka State Branch Election 2026

Date: 04th September, 2026 (Friday)

Time: 11:00 am to 3:00 pm (11 am to 12 pm - General Body Meeting. 11 am to 3 pm - Polling)

Venue: Hotel Pai Vista Doora, 35/A, Bangalore Nilgiri Rd, behind Bhima Jewellery, Nazarbad, Mysuru, Karnataka- 570001

Please find below the election schedule, place and the following points for your kind information:

Sr. No.	Date & Day	Polling Booth & Place	Events
1	4th September (Friday)	1.Mysuru Address: Hotel Pai Vista Doora, 35/A, Bangalore Nilgiri Rd, behind Bhima Jewellery, Nazarbad, Mysuru, Karnataka- 570001	Open Election -Nomination submission for vacant posts & Ballot paper Election
2	6th September (Sunday)	2. Bagalkot Address: Hotel Haripriya, APMC Circle, near DC Office, A P M C Yard, Bagalkot, Karnataka 587103	Ballot paper Election
3	8th September (Tuesday)	3. Ballari Address: Hotel Allum Gokulam Park, A. D. City, by pass of, Bellary - Uravakonda - Anantapur Rd, beside Allum Bhavan, Venkateswara Nagar, Bandimot, Bellary, Karnataka 583101	Ballot paper Election
4	10th September (Thursday)	4. Bengaluru Urban Address: Hotel CRN Canary, 274 Subedar Chetram Rd, Gandhi Nagar, Majestic, Bengaluru, Karnataka- 560009	Ballot paper Election Final counting & Declaration of results

Sr. No.	Post	Name and Address of the Contestant	Status
1	State President	Dr Deelip Somaning Natekar, TNAI No. 176808, Address: Principal, BVVS Sajjalashree Institute of Nursing Sciences, SNMC Campus, Navanagar, Bagalkote-587103	Declared Elected*
2	State Vice President	Dr Mahesha P., TNAI No. 141322, Address: Mudalapura, Chamarajanagara (TQ & Distt.) Karnataka - 571313	Declared Elected*
3	State Joint Secretary	Dr. Venkatesh Murthy J., TNAI No. 74643, Address: Assistant Professor, ESIC College of Nursing, #70, Appareddy Palya, 7 th Main, Indiranagar, Bangalore-560008	Declared Elected*
4	State SNAI Advisor	Dr K Ramu, TNAI No. 94181, Address: Principal, R. R. College of Nursing, Chikkabanavara, R R Layout, Bangalore – 560090	Declared Elected*
5	Chairperson- Nursing Education and Research Committee	Dr Leena K C, TNAI No. 75229, Address: Principal, Yenepoya Nursing College & Dean, Faculty of Nursing, Yenepoya University, Deralakatte, Karnataka 575018	Declared Elected*
6	Chairperson-Public Health Nursing Section	Mrs. C. D. Sunanda, TNAI No. 270308, Address: Senior Primary Health Care Officer, Taluk Health Office, Chamarajanagar.	Declared Elected*
7	State Secretary	Vacant	

Sr. No.	Post	Name and Address of the Contestant	Status
8	State Treasurer	Vacant	
9	Chairperson-Nursing Service Section	Vacant	
10	Chairperson-LHV/ANM Committee	Vacant	
11	Chairperson- Programme Committee	Dr Sanjay Mallappa Peerapur, TNAI No. 94319, Address: KLES Staff Quarters, A-8, J. G. College of Commerce Campus, Vidyanagar Hubballi – 580021, Karnataka.	
		Dr. Sriharsha C, TNAI No. 237046, Address: Professor & HOD, BVVS Sajjalashree Institute of Nursing Sciences, Navanagar, Bagalkote-587103.	
12	Chairperson- Membership Committee	Prof. (Dr) Thippeswamy T. M. J., TNAI No. 112281, Address: S/O Jayanna T. M. #147, Near Govt. School Hiretogaleri, Davanagere - 577514	Declared Elected*
13	Chairperson- Socio-Economic Welfare Committee	Dr. Sarvamangala S, TNAI No. 49652, Address: Dr. K Ramu S/O K Narasarah, Sira Road, Opp. To DC Bungalow, Tumkur - 572106.	Declared Elected*

A. *Election will be conducted **manually** through ballot paper for all the posts except those marked as “Declared Elected”.

B. An open election will be conducted for the vacant positions.

C. Vacant positions for the open election:

- i. Secretary
- ii. Treasurer
- iii. Chairperson- Nursing Service Section
- iv. Chairperson- LHV/ANM Committee

D. Common Eligibility criteria for contesting above mentioned post:

- i. Any candidate filing nomination for State/ UT Offices should have completed a minimum of 05 years of membership in TNAI.
- ii. Age: Should not have completed 66 Years as of 1st of January of the calendar year in which the election is notified.
- iii. Any member holding the highest nursing position (Education/Service) in the State (Government/ Regulatory/ Statutory bodies) is not eligible to contest for the State/ UT Offices of TNAI.
- iv. Any member who has previously held/ served the national office(s) positions in TNAI shall not contest State/ UT offices.
- v. No TNAI member shall be in the State Executive Committee for more than 20 years. Out of these 20 years, the maximum period for holding the post of President/ Secretary of the branch is up to a maximum of 16 years.
- vi. For those members getting coopted to the state EC, this 20-year period is not restrictive as they do not have voting rights and/or executive powers. Coopted members serve state EC only in advisory capacity.
- vii. Any TNAI member who held 2 consecutive terms (08 years) as President or Secretary or both the positions in 4 years consecutive term each (total 08 years) as President or secretary shall have a break of a minimum 4 years to contest the post of President or Secretary in the State Branch.

- viii. The current/ previous President or Secretary of the branch shall not contest any other executive positions in the State/UT ie, TNAI members who held the post of President or Secretary of the State/ UT branch can contest only for the post of President/ Secretary in the future term subject to the conditions in the clause number (v) and (vii).
- ix. In any case a TNAI member can have a maximum of 16 years as President or Secretary in the State Branch. This is to ensure that no TNAI members shall exceed 16 years term in the National Council.

E. Eligibility criteria for submitting nominations:

i. Secretary

- a. Any life member of TNAI working and residing in Karnataka State branch and who served as State executive for **one term (04 Years)** at any time in the State/UT is eligible to contest for the post of Secretary of the Karnataka State Branch.
- b. The office of the Secretary is reserved for **female TNAI life members only**

ii. Treasurer- Karnataka State Branch

- a. Any life member of TNAI working and residing in Karnataka State branch with **05 years of TNAI membership** may submit a nomination for the post of Treasurer of the Karnataka State Branch.
- b. The office of the Karnataka State Branch Treasurer is reserved for **female TNAI life members only**

iii. Chairperson- Nursing Service Section

- a. Any life member of TNAI working and residing in Karnataka State branch with **05 years of TNAI membership** may submit a nomination for the post of Chairperson- Nursing Service Section of the Karnataka State Branch.
- b. The office for the Karnataka State Branch Chairperson- Nursing Service Section is reserved for Nursing Staff working and residing in the respective state and **working in a hospital/clinical setting**.

iv. Chairperson- LHV/ANM Committee

- a. Any associate life member of TNAI working and residing in Karnataka State branch **with 05 years of TNAI membership** may submit a nomination for the post of LHV/ ANM of the Karnataka State Branch.
- b. The office of the Karnataka State Branch LHV/ ANM is reserved for **female TNAI associate life members only**.

F. How to file the Nomination for Open election

- i. The nomination forms for vacant posts in the open election shall be submitted **on the first day of the election schedule**.
- ii. Nomination forms shall be submitted only at the first polling venue (polling booth- Mysuru) of the Karnataka State Branch election 2026.
- iii. Voting for the nominations submitted for the vacant posts at the first polling booth (Mysuru) shall continue at the remaining three polling booths, and the list of contestants shall remain the same throughout the election process.
- iv. Nomination sheet is available in the TNAI national and the Karnataka TNAI State Website.
- v. Eligible members for the open positions are required to download and print the nomination sheet.
- vi. The Nomination form duly filled / completed by the candidate i.e. complete address, TNAI number along with the signature shall handed over to the Returning officer of the Karnataka State branch at the election venue **on the first day of election i.e 4th September, 2026** on or before 09.30 AM physically.
- vii. The nomination form duly submitted shall be supported by self-attested photocopy of TNAI life membership photo ID card of the contestant, proposer, and seconder.

- viii. A copy of the working and residing proof shall be submitted along with the nomination.
- ix. A copy of the employment proof shall be submitted by the eligible candidates contesting for **Chairperson- Nursing Service Section and Chairperson- LHV/ANM Committee.**
- x. For other vacant offices the names of the **three members having the highest number** of nominations only will be included in the electronic voting device
- xi. If only one nomination, then it shall **be declared as Elected** by the Returning officer.
- xii. If more than one member for the positions, election for the position shall be initiated and declare the most voted member as Winner.

G. Instruction to the Contestants:

- i. Each contestant is requested to submit the name of the representative (who can observe the entire polling and counting process) to the Returning Officer **before 09.30 am on the day of election.** The nomination of the representative shall be submitted in the prescribed form with the name and TNAI number of the person nominated as representative.
- ii. The prescribed form for the nomination of a representative is available in TNAI national and Karnataka State Branch or can be obtained from the returning officer.
- iii. Only a life member of TNAI from the Karnataka branch is eligible to be the representative of the candidate.
- iv. Each representative will be given an authorization card which shall be displayed by the representative while attending the work as a representative of a candidate.
- v. Representatives are allowed to be present in the designated place as directed by the Returning officer and are not allowed to move to other areas of the polling booth. They can talk or raise any issues to RO/ TNAI officials on election duty only.
- vi. In any case, they shall not talk to any voter/contestant inside the polling station i.e. before/ during/ after casting the vote.
- vii. It is the responsibility of each contestant to ensure authorized representative in the polling station(s) from the beginning of the voting till the announcement of the result.

H. Instruction for the voters for the day of the election

- i. Only Life Members of TNAI working or residing in Karnataka are eligible to vote.
- ii. Members are requested to check their membership status at <https://election.tnaionline.org/UpdateData/Index>.
- iii. Election will be held on **4th September, 2026 from 11.00 am to 03:00 pm at Hotel Pai Vista Doora, 35/A, Bangalore Nilgiri Rd, behind Bhima Jewellery, Nazarbad, Mysuru, Karnataka- 570001**, and followed in other three polling booths as per the schedule of Karnataka State Branch election 2026.
- iv. All voters are requested to bring their TNAI Photo identity Membership card provided by the TNAI Headquarters/ Download the TNAI Mobile App and show the membership through the App for the verification.
- v. The TNAI members intending to vote shall report before 03.00 PM on the day of polling at the polling stations and get the queue token number for voting at the respective counter.
- vi. No canvassing is permitted on the day of the election inside the premises where the election and General Body Meeting is taking place. No one shall distribute slips or notices or anything else to this effect on the polling day.
- vii. However, if a member uses a slip or paper bit/chit in order to counter-check/confirm the name of the candidate(s) she/he desires to vote the same is permissible.
- viii. However, contestant(s) or voters shall not show it/ handover/ distribute slip or paper bit/chit to anyone on the designated polling area or GBM area on the election day.

- ix. No electronic gadgets (mobile phones, cameras) are permitted during the voting. If any Voter is carrying a mobile phone, he/she must place it in front of the desk or table on which the computer or tablet used for electronic voting is placed so as to ensure that the mobile phone is not used while casting votes.
- x. No person other than the voters shall be permitted within the area of the polling booth except the designated officers/representatives/Volunteers for the election.
- xi. The voters shall not be allowed to enter the voting area before or after the scheduled time of voting (11.00 AM to 03.00 PM).

I. Instructions for Ballot Paper Voting

- i. Get your queue token number at the entrance gate.
- ii. Attend the General Body meeting.
- iii. Line up outside the polling station according to the token number after GBM.
- iv. At the verification counter, show your membership details. The polling officer will verify your membership and you will receive token number.
- vii. The polling officer will collect the token and mark your index finger with indelible ink.
- viii. The voters will be directed to the polling station.
- xi. Life members with LMT category are only eligible to cast vote for the President and Chairperson- LHV/ ANM Committee
- xii. Associate Life members with LMM category are not eligible to cast vote for the above two posts.
- xiii. Leave the polling station quietly after the voting.
 - 1. The Provisional Ballot Paper is published only for the information of the members. A separate Ballot paper will be distributed to the voters on the day of Election.
 - 2. All the Voters are requested to bring their TNAI Membership card provided by the TNAI Headquarters along with Photo identity (Election card/PAN card/Driving License) before entering the hall for voting.
 - 3. No addition of the contestant shall be made to the final ballot paper.
 - 4. It is expected that the Voters/Members are well versed with the TNAI Rules and Regulation and Byelaws. A copy of the same shall be available with the Returning Officer for ready reference.
 - 5. The person so elected for a particular office at branch level shall hold the office for the full term (four years) and shall not contest and cross to another office prior to completion of the term of her/his existing office.

By: Any contestant wishing to withdraw from any office of contest should inform the Returning Officer at least 20 days prior to the election date in writing to the following address: **Dr. K Reddemma, Returning Officer- TNAI Karnataka Branch Election, C/o The Trained Nurses' Association of India, L-17, Florence Nightingale Lane, Green Park Main, New Delhi- 110016. Email Id: tnaielections@gmail.com**

Lost & Found

This is for information of all concerned that I, Basanti Khalkho, D/o Shiv Shankar Khalkho, and General Nursing & Midwifery (GNM) Diploma 2021-2024 batch, MIBE Board pass-out from Constant Lievens School of Nursing Mandar, Ranchi, have lost/misplaced my GNM Marks Sheet of First year bearing Roll No. 2222109, Enrolment No. 21226234, on 25 January 2026. The same is untraceable. Complaint to this effect already lodged at Mandar Police station.

Basanti Khalkho, D/o Shiv Shankar Khalkho
C/o Constant Lievens School of Nursing Mandar
Ranchi - 835 214 (Jharkhand)

ELECTION RESULT – TNAI TAMIL NADU STATE BRANCH 2026

An Election of TNAI Tamil Nadu State Branch were held on 13th June, 2026 at Plot No. 474 and 475, 24th Street Ashtalakshmi, Nagar Chennai – 600116.



1. **State President:** Dr. T.R. Udaya Kumar, **TNAI No.** 80112, **Address-** Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Impetus Healthcare Skills Private Limited No: 2, Block-5-B, Harini Paradise, 25TH Street, Ashtalakshmi Nagar, Alapakkam, Chennai Tamil Nadu -600116.
2. **State Vice President:** Mr. Kannan Kasinathan, **TNAI No.** 96129, **Address-** Vice Principal, College of Nursing, MMC, No. 3, E.V.R. Periyar Salai, Park Town, Chennai-600003, Tamil Nadu.
3. **State Secretary:** Dr. R. Sudha, **TNAI No.** 93149, **Address-** Principal, VHS – M.A. Chidambaram College & School of Nursing, VHS Campus, T.T.T.I Post, Taramani Chennai Tamil Nadu- 113
4. **State Joint Secretary:** Dr. V Hemavathy, **TNAI No.** 206689, **Address-** Principal, Sree Balaji College of Nursing, No. 7, CLC Works Road, Chrompet, Chennai-44, Tamil Nadu.
5. **State Treasurer:** Dr. S. Kanchana, **TNAI No.** 69903, **Address-** Principal, No:45, Ambattur Road, Puzhal Chennai-600066, Tamil Nadu.
6. **State SNAI Advisor:** Dr. Ciby Jose, **TNAI No.** 69901, **Address-** Principal Cum Professor, Venkateswara Nursing College off OMR, Near Navalur, Thalambur, Chennai-600130, Tamil Nadu.
7. **State Chairperson- Nursing Education and Research Section:** Dr. Annie Raja, **TNAI No.** 87177, **Address-** Principal, St. Isabel's College of Nursing. 49 Oliver Road Mylapore Chennai, Tamil Nadu- 600004.
8. **State Chairperson- Programme Committee:** Dr. P. Tamilselvi, **TNAI No.**-108952, **Address-** Principal, Mailam Nursing College, Mailam-Villupuram Dist. 604304, Tamil Nadu.
9. **State Chairperson-Membership Committee:** Dr. D. Ruby Anitha, **TNAI No.** 182985, **Address-** Principal, United College of Nursing, G. Koundampalayam, Periyanaickenpalayam, Coimbatore Tamil Nadu- 641020
10. **State Chairperson- Public Health Nursing Section:** Mrs. Punitha K, **TNAI No.** 88466, **Address-** District Maternal Child Health Officer, B-6 Near CT Scan Center, Tail Hill Road the Nilgiris -643001.
11. **State Chairperson- Nursing Service Section:** 1. Dr. Anuratha M.D., **TNAI No.** 154952, **Address-** Nursing, Superintendent, PSG Hospitals, Peelamedu, Avinashi Road, Coimbatore Tamil Nadu -641004.
12. **State Chairperson- Socio-Economic Welfare Committee:** 1. Dr. A. Rathiga, **TNAI No.** 97638, **Address-** Principal, No 64, Nallur Village, Kanchipuram-631561, Tamil Nadu.
13. **State Chairperson- LHV/ANM Committee:** VACANT.

Dr. Jaeny Kemp,
Returning Officer,
TNAI Tamil Nadu State Branch Election 2026

TNAI National Nurses Research Grant (TNNRG) Selection Meeting

The **TNAI National Nurses Research Grant (TNNRG) Selection Meeting** was successfully conducted on **24 July 2026** at the **TNAI Headquarters, New Delhi**, in a hybrid mode, bringing together the TNAI National Officers and members of the TNAI Research Cell Committee to evaluate and select research proposals submitted by the members across the country.

The meeting was presented under the leadership of **Dr. (Mrs.) Annie Kumar**, National President, TNAI, and was attended by **Dr. Bajji Valli**, National Vice-President (South Region); **Dr. Abhilekha Biswal**, National Vice-President (East Region); **Mrs. Evelyn P. Kannan**, Secretary-General, TNAI; and **Mrs. S. Vatchala Dhinakaran**, Assistant



Secretary General, TNAI. Members of the TNAI Research Cell Committee, namely **Dr. Neerja Sood**, **Dr. Latha Ventakesan**, **Prof. Dr. Manjubala Dash**, **Dr. Bharat Pareek**, attended physically while **Dr. Rajee Raghunathan**, and **Dr. Dinesh Selvam S.** joined virtually.

The Committee received an encouraging response, with **64 research proposals** submitted from **14 states** across India. Following an initial screening and detailed review, **17 proposals** were provisionally shortlisted for the presentation round. The shortlisted applicants presented their research proposals through online PowerPoint presentations, enabling the Committee to undertake a comprehensive evaluation of each proposal based on scientific merit, originality, relevance to nursing practice, methodological soundness, feasibility, and anticipated impact on healthcare outcomes.

After thorough deliberations, the Committee **recommended eight research proposals** for the **TNAI National Nurses Research Grant (TNNRG)**, based on the collective assessment and remarks of the Selection Committee members.

The meeting concluded with an appreciation of the quality and diversity of the research proposals received. It reaffirmed TNAI's steadfast commitment to fostering a strong research culture within the nursing profession by encouraging high-quality, evidence-based research that contributes to advancing nursing education, practice, leadership, and patient care in India.

Call for News Items from Nursing Institutions

Schools and Colleges of Nursing are welcome to submit for publication in monthly TNAI Bulletin, the news items and write ups about observances of Graduation Ceremony, Annual Day, Seminars, Conferences, important workshops, etc. The charges are Rs 1000/- + GST per item including one photograph. The payment should be through a demand draft in favour of The Trained Nurses' Association of India (TNAI), New Delhi. Neatly spaced out hand-written matter, preferably typed in double space on one side of paper with photograph may be sent, along with requisite charges, to the Editor, TNAI Bulletin.

Inauguration of the Advanced Nursing Simulation Centre – TNAI Andaman & Nicobar UT Branch

The Trained Nurses' Association of India (TNAI) marked another significant milestone in advancing nursing education with the inauguration of the Advanced Nursing Simulation Centre at the TNAI Andaman & Nicobar Union Territory Branch on 8 May 2026.



The Centre was inaugurated by Dr. H. M. Siddharaju, Director of Health Services, Andaman & Nicobar Administration and Dr. (Mrs.) Annie Kumar, National President, TNAI. The occasion was also graced by Dr. Bajji Valli, National Vice President (South Region); Mrs. Evelyn P. Kannan, Secretary General, TNAI; Mrs. Anney Ashok, President, TNAI Andaman & Nicobar UT Branch; Mr. S. Sreenivasan, Secretary, State Branch; State Executive Committee Members; nursing leaders; Nursing Officers; and members of the nursing fraternity.

The dignitaries jointly dedicated the Advanced Nursing Simulation Centre to the nursing profession, symbolizing TNAI's continued commitment to strengthening nursing education through innovative, technology-enabled learning. The Centre is equipped to provide nurses and nursing students with simulation-based training in a safe and realistic environment, enabling them to enhance their clinical competencies, critical thinking, decision-making skills, and patient safety practices.

The establishment of this state-of-the-art Simulation Centre represents a significant step towards promoting excellence in nursing education and clinical practice in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands. It reflects TNAI's vision of empowering nurses through modern educational strategies and aligns with the national priorities of strengthening healthcare systems through continuous professional development and capacity building.



The TNAI Andaman & Nicobar UT Branch, under the dedicated leadership of its State Executive Committee, deserves heartfelt appreciation for successfully conceptualizing and implementing this visionary initiative. Their commitment and collective efforts have created a valuable resource that will contribute significantly to the professional development of nurses and the delivery of quality healthcare services in the region.

TNAI congratulates the Andaman & Nicobar UT Branch on this remarkable achievement and extends its best wishes for the continued success of the Advanced Nursing Simulation Centre in shaping the future of nursing education, clinical excellence, and patient care.

Inauguration of the TNAI Tamil Nadu State Branch Office Building

The Trained Nurses' Association of India (TNAI) marked another significant milestone in its journey of strengthening the nursing profession with the inauguration of the TNAI Tamil Nadu State Branch Office Building on 4 July 2026. The establishment of the new State Branch Office reflects TNAI's unwavering commitment to enhancing organizational infrastructure, promoting professional excellence, and supporting the continued growth and development of the nursing profession.



The State Branch Office Building was inaugurated by Dr. (Mrs.) Annie Kumar, National President, TNAI, at a ceremony presided over by Dr. Ani Grace Kalaimathy, President, TNAI Tamil Nadu State Branch. The occasion was attended by the TNAI Core Action Committee Members, Dr. Udai Kumar, President-Elect, Dr. R. Sudha, Secretary-Elect, the newly elected State Executive Committee Members, Dr. Vijayalakshmi, Secretary along with the present State Executive Committee members of Tamil

Nadu branch, distinguished nurse leaders, senior members of the Association, and members of the nursing fraternity from across Tamil Nadu.

The inauguration of the State Branch Office Building marks a historic milestone in the growth and institutional development of the Tamil Nadu State Branch.

This landmark achievement is the result of the vision, dedicated leadership, and collective efforts of the National Leadership, the Tamil Nadu State Branch leadership, the Core Action Committee, and the members of the TNAI Tamil Nadu State Branch. The Tamil Nadu State Branch deserves special appreciation for establishing this permanent institutional facility, which will serve the nursing fraternity for years to come and contribute significantly to strengthening nursing leadership, professional development, and healthcare services across the State.

TNAI extends its heartfelt congratulations to the Tamil Nadu State Branch Existing and the Newly Elected Office bearers on this remarkable achievement and conveys its best wishes for the continued success of the State Branch Office in promoting professional excellence, fostering leadership, and advancing the mission of the Association in the service of the nursing profession and society.



TNAI Telangana State Branch Office and Advanced Nursing Simulation Centre Inaugurated

The Trained Nurses' Association of India (TNAI) marked another significant milestone in advancing nursing education and professional excellence with the inauguration of the TNAI Telangana State Branch Office and Advanced Nursing Simulation Centre on 29 June 2026 in Hyderabad. The inauguration of these two important facilities reflects TNAI's continued commitment to strengthening organizational infrastructure, promoting simulation-based learning, and enhancing the professional competencies of nurses across the State.



The State Branch Office and the TNAI Advanced Nursing Simulation Centre, Telangana, were inaugurated by Dr(Mrs) Annie Kumar National president, TNAI ,Dr. K. Sivaram Prasad, Director of Medical Education (Academic)&Dr. B. Vidyullatha DD Nursing & Registrar, TGNMC in the presence of Dr. Bajji Valli, National Vice-President (South Region); Mrs. Evelyn P. Kannan, Secretary General, TNAI; Dr. M. Rajeswari, President, Telangana State Branch; Mrs. Swarajya Vani, State Secretary; State Executive Committee Members; nurse leaders; and members of the nursing fraternity.

The inauguration of the State Branch Office and the Advanced Nursing Simulation Centre marks a major step forward in strengthening the institutional capacity of the Telangana State Branch. The State Branch Office will serve as the administrative hub for the Association's professional, educational, and leadership activities, while the TNAI Advanced Nursing Simulation Centre, Telangana, will provide a state-of-the-art facility for simulation-based education, competency development, and hands-on clinical training for nursing professionals and students. The Centre is expected to play a pivotal role in enhancing clinical skills, critical thinking, patient safety, and evidence-based nursing practice.

This landmark achievement reflects the vision, dedicated leadership, and collective efforts of the National Leadership, the Telangana State Branch leadership, the State Executive Committee, and the members of the Association. The Telangana State Branch deserves special appreciation for establishing these permanent facilities, which will make a significant contribution to strengthening nursing education, professional development, leadership, and quality healthcare services across the State.



TNAI extends its heartfelt congratulations to the Telangana State Branch on this remarkable achievement and conveys its best wishes for the continued success of the State Branch Office and the TNAI Advanced Nursing Simulation Centre, Telangana, in fostering excellence in nursing education, professional practice, leadership, and healthcare delivery.

TNAI Odisha State Branch Office & Advanced Skills Laboratory Inaugurated

The Trained Nurses' Association of India (TNAI) inaugurated the TNAI Odisha State Branch Office and Advanced Skills Laboratory on 11 July 2026 in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, marking a major step towards strengthening nursing education and professional development in the state.

The programme began with an Invocation Prayer, followed by a Welcome Address by Dr Anasuya Patnaik, President, Odisha State Branch. Dr (Mrs) Annie Kumar, National President, along with other dignitaries, lit the ceremonial lamp to mark the inauguration. Dr Fulana Kumari, Past President, and Mrs Sanjucta Mallick, Former Secretary Odisha State Branch, highlighted the branch's journey since its establishment in 1960.

Mrs. Evelyn P. Kannan, Secretary-General, shared the vision behind the new State Branch office, while Mr Jwalant Bhatavia, CEO, Delta Healthcare, introduced the Advanced Skills Laboratory and its role in simulation-based nursing education. Dr Abhilekha Biswal, National Vice President (West Region), congratulated the State Branch and encouraged nurses to make full use of the new facility.

In her inaugural address, Dr (Mrs) Annie Kumar congratulated the Odisha State Branch and emphasized that the new office and skills laboratory would serve as centres of excellence for nursing education, leadership, research, and quality patient care.

The Vote of Thanks was delivered by Dr Ritanjali Sahoo, Secretary, Odisha State Branch. TNAI Odisha State Branch, followed by the inauguration of the Advanced Skill Laboratory. Participants reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening the professional association, encouraging active participation, and advancing nursing education, professional excellence, and quality patient care through TNAI initiatives.



National Deworming Day: 10 August

The **National Deworming Day** (held on 10 February and **10 August**) is the biannual observance of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare under the overarching mission of 'Krimi Mukta Bharat' (Worm-Free India), focussing broadly on child health, hygiene, and nutrition.

Soil Transmitted Helminths (STH) constitute a significant public health concern for India. Around 22 crore Indian children aged 1-14 are estimated to be at risk of worm infections. Worms in children interfere with nutrient uptake, and can contribute to anaemia, malnourishment, and impaired mental and physical development. To this end, National Deworming Day was established in 2015.

The programme targets children and adolescents 1-19 years, including school-enrolled, out-of-school, and Anganwadi-enrolled kids. Under the Mission, free WHO-approved 400 mg Albendazole tablets (half-doses crushed for 1-2-year toddlers) are provided to all children through schools, Anganwadi centres, and health outreach workers.

Intestinal parasites include worms and one-celled organisms that rely on human hosts (their guts in particular) to hatch, grow and thrive. Intestinal parasites provide zero benefits, they can rather cause unpleasant symptoms and in some cases, pose serious health risks. They spread when an unsuspecting host unknowingly ingests their microscopic eggs. Antiparasitic medicines and antibiotics can clear most infections.

International Nursing Delegation Visits TNAI Headquarters and Greater Noida Campus for Professional Orientation

The Trained Nurses' Association of India (TNAI) was delighted to welcome the distinguished academic delegation from the Department of Nursing and Midwifery, University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Sri Lanka, comprising Prof. M.K.D. Lalitha Meegoda, Dr. M.R. Sunethra Jayathilake, and Dr. Ashoka Dissanayake, along with Mr. Hansaram and Ms. Levis Murry from the College of Nursing, AIIMS, New Delhi, to TNAI Headquarters for a professional orientation on the Association's activities, programmes, and member services.



Delegates at the TNAI Hqrs

Dr. (Mrs.) Annie Kumar, National President, welcomed the delegates through an online interaction, while Mrs. Evelyn P. Kannan, Secretary-General, presented an overview of TNAI's century-long contribution to nursing through leadership, education, research, advocacy, and member welfare initiatives. Mrs. Sanghamitra Sawant, Deputy Secretary-General, highlighted TNAI's CNE initiatives and simulation-based learning programmes, while Mr. Ajinas A. M., Assistant Secretary-General, briefed the delegates on digital learning platforms, professional development opportunities, membership benefits, and the forthcoming CNMF Conference. Mrs. S. Vatchala Dhinakaran, Assistant Secretary-General, highlighted research opportunities, publications, and membership programmes.

The delegation visited TNAI Headquarters and the Greater Noida Campus and appreciated the Association's contributions to nursing. The delegates also expressed their keen interest in future collaboration with TNAI in the field of Continuing Nursing Education (CNE), faculty development, academic exchange and conveyed their willingness to become members of TNAI recognizing the association as a dynamic & progressive professional organisation.

Together, TNAI continues to strengthen international partnerships and advance excellence in nursing through knowledge sharing and professional collaboration.

India-Italy Partnership for Advancing Nursing & Healthcare

Mr. H.E. Antonio Bartoli, Ambassador of Italy to India, hosted a dinner at the Italian Residence in the presence of Prof. Francesco Saverio Mennini, Head of the Department for Health Professionals, Ministry of Health, Italy. The occasion was attended by Dr. Annie Kumar, National President, TNAI, and Mrs. Evelyn P. Kannan, Secretary General, TNAI, along with distinguished representatives from Italian professional associations, the Ministry of External Affairs, the Indian Nursing Council, AIIMS, Medanta, and other leading healthcare organizations.



The evening served as a valuable platform to discuss nursing education, simulation-based learning, healthcare workforce development, and opportunities for strengthening India-Italy collaboration in nursing and healthcare.

TNAI showcased its initiatives in the Advanced Simulation & Skills Lab, reaffirming its commitment to nursing excellence, professional leadership, and fostering meaningful international partnerships for quality healthcare.

A Milestone in Military Nursing Leadership: TNAI Felicitates the New ADGMNS

The Trained Nurses' Association of India (TNAI) had the distinct honour of welcoming and felicitating **Major General Rachel Thomas** on her assumption of the prestigious appointment as **Additional Director General Military Nursing Service (ADGMNS)**, the highest leadership position in the Military Nursing Service. This remarkable achievement is a testament to her exemplary leadership, unwavering commitment, and distinguished service to the Nation. TNAI was privileged to receive Major General Rachel Thomas, ADGMNS, at its Headquarters, accompanied by **DDGMNS Brigadier Lekha Nair**.



The National President felicitated Major General Rachel Thomas along with the National Officers.

The visit marked a significant occasion to celebrate her outstanding contributions to the nursing profession and to acknowledge her continued dedication to advancing excellence in military nursing.

During the interaction, Major General Rachel Thomas appreciated the sustained efforts and valuable contributions of TNAI in strengthening the nursing profession through education, professional development, advocacy, and leadership initiatives. She commended the Association's enduring commitment to promoting high standards of nursing practice and recognized its pivotal role in supporting the growth and advancement of nurses across the country.

The occasion also reaffirmed the longstanding partnership between TNAI and the Military Nursing Service, founded on a shared commitment to excellence in nursing leadership, professional development, and quality healthcare. TNAI extends its heartfelt congratulations to Major General Rachel Thomas on this well-deserved appointment and conveys its best wishes for her continued success as she leads the Military Nursing Service with honour, courage, and distinction. The Association looks forward to further strengthening its collaboration with the Military Nursing Service in advancing the nursing profession and serving the healthcare needs of the Nation.

MNS Representatives Visit TNAI Headquarters to Discuss Support for CNMF Conference

Brigadier Kiran Jeet, along with Lt. Col. Mousim from the Military Nursing Service (MNS), visited the Headquarters of the Trained Nurses' Association of India (TNAI) for discussions regarding the support and collaboration of the Military Nursing Service for the forthcoming Commonwealth Nurses and Midwives Conference (CNMF).

During the meeting, it was agreed that representatives from the Military Nursing Service would also serve as members of the Committee Member, further strengthening the partnership between TNAI and MNS in advancing professional nursing initiatives.



On the occasion, the MNS delegation also presented the commemorative MNS Postage Stamp released during the Military Nursing Service Centenary Celebrations, marking a significant milestone in the rich legacy and contributions of the Military Nursing Service to the nation.

Orientation Programme for TNAI Goa State Branch Executives

In line with the decision at the TNAI's EC meeting (in 2019) to orient the TNAI State & UT Branch Executive Committee members to the functioning of TNAI within three months of State/UT Branch Election, the executive members from Goa State branch participated in the two-days orientation programme on 20-21 July, 2026 at TNAI Headquarters and its Greater Noida campus. The purpose of this initiative was to apprise them of the broad knowledge about the role of various units of TNAI. Many of the executives stated that this was their first ever visit to TNAI headquarters.



After welcome address, there was orientation to TNAI and SNAI and briefing on TNAI's role as recruitment agency. The broad areas covered in the orientation were: Growth of TNAI and SNAI over years; Update TNAI membership & Recruitment services; Update on SNAI & Publication; Orientation about land purchase, Accounting/Auditing; Orientation about agenda, Minutes & State branch report; Orientation about the TNAI staff and the job responsibilities being handled by them including maintenance of files; visit to various section at TNAI Hqrs. The executive members observed the multiple activities of TNAI with great interest and expressed satisfaction at the professional working of each unit.

Executives members visited Greater Noida campus. Various activities of TNAI being conducted at CIN&R/ ECH premises in Greater Noida were explained to the EC members. The topics covered were: Neonatal Skill Lab (Daksh) and International Training Centre (ITC) that organises basic life support (BLS), advanced cardiac life support (ACLS) and Reproductive, maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health (RMNCH) courses. The participants were shown a live demonstration of the BLS, ACLS training.

EC members were: (1) Mr. Pratap Shashikant Parab, President; (2) Mrs. Tanavi Shailesh Naik, Vice President; (3) Mr. Sandeep Vishnu Gawas, Joint Secretary; (4) Ms. Sweta Fal Dessai, Treasurer; (5) Ms. Aditi Dinesh Sawant Dessai, Chairperson-Nursing Education and Research Section; (6) Mr. Sanket Sunil Sinari, Chairperson-Programme Committee; (7) Ms. Conceicao Vaz, Chairperson-Membership Committee; (8) Mr. Suresh Vasant Sinari, Chairperson-Public Health Nursing Section; (9) Ms. Fencia Araujo, Chairperson-Nursing Service Section; (10) Mr. Greyno Credfil Menezes, Chairperson-Socio Economic Welfare Committee.

Jaypee Brothers New Delhi is New Agency for Procuring TNAI Books

The TNAI has recently entered into a contract with a third party for publishing all its books. An MOU to this effect has recently been signed. The agency viz. M/s Jaypee Brothers Medical Publishers, a known name in medical publishing, shall henceforth now exclusively print, distribute and sell all TNAI books.

Buyers of TNAI books may therefore place orders directly with them only, or contact them for any related queries.

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Orientation Programme for TNAI Manipur State Branch Executives

In line with the decision at the TNAI's EC meeting (in 2019) to orient the TNAI State & UT Branch Executive Committee members to the functioning of TNAI within three months of State/UT Branch Election, the executive members from Manipur State branch participated in the two-days orientation programme on 27-28 July, 2026 at TNAI Headquarters and its Greater Noida campus. The purpose of this initiative was to apprise them of the broad knowledge about the role of various units of TNAI. Many of the executives stated that this was their first ever visit to TNAI headquarters.



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EC members were: (1) Dr. Yumnam Sundari Devi, President; (2) Mrs. Chongtham Premlata Devi, Vice President; (3) Ms. Loukrakpam Sanjarani Devi, Secretary; (4) Mrs. Zeneeta Laishram, Joint Secretary; (5) Mrs. S. Kiranmala Devi, Treasurer; (6) Mr. Laishram John Singh, SNAI Advisor; (7) Dr. Chingakham Babita Devi, Chairperson-Nursing Education and Research Section; (8) Ms. Thounaojam Jogabati Devi, Chairperson-Programme Committee; (9) Ms. Athokpam Right Kumari Devi, Chairperson-Membership Committee; (10) Dr. D. Mercy, Chairperson-Public Health Nursing Section; (11) Ms. Meihoubam Sapana Devi, Chairperson-Nursing Service Section; (12) Ms. Shimray Wungreichon, Chairperson-Socio Economic Welfare Committee; (13) Mrs. Brahmacharimayum Gitarani Devi, Chairperson-LHV/ANM Committee.

Instructions to the voters in the TNAI State/ UT Branch Elections

1. TNAI Photo Identity Life Membership card is mandatory to cast the vote in State/UT Branch Elections.
2. Members do not have the TNAI Photo Identity Life Membership card shall apply for the Photo Identity card 30 days prior to the scheduled date of Election

TNAI Odisha State Branch Organises Principal's and Nursing Superintendent's Meet

The Trained Nurses' Association of India (TNAI), Odisha State Branch, successfully organised the Principal's and Nursing Superintendent's Meet on 11 July 2026 at SUM-2, Nursing College II, Bhubaneswar. The event brought together nursing leaders, principals, nursing superintendents, educators, and administrators to discuss leadership, professional development, and the future of nursing education.

The programme commenced with an Invocation and Lighting of the Lamp, followed by a welcome address by Dr. Ritanjali Sahoo, Secretary, TNAI Odisha State Branch. Dr. Anasuya Pattanayak, President, TNAI Odisha State Branch, addressed the gathering and felicitated the distinguished guests.



Dr. (Mrs.) Annie Kumar, National President, delivered the keynote address on national priorities and the future of nursing. Dr. Abhilekha Biswal, National Vice President (East Region), highlighted regional advancements, while Mrs. Evelyn P. Kannan, Secretary-General, presented an overview of TNAI initiatives. Mrs. S. Vatchala Dhinakaran, Assistant Secretary-General, spoke on the role of the Student Nurses' Association of India (SNAI) in developing future nurse leaders.

The programme also featured addresses by distinguished guests, including Dr. Anuradha Panda, Dr. Pravati Tripathy, Dr. Laxmi Rana, Dr. Rosalin Patasani Mishra, and Dr. Rajendra Kumar Panigrahi, who shared their perspectives on advancing nursing education and practice in Odisha.

The TNAI Star Awards was given to Dr. Arati Nayka for her outstanding contribution towards nurses. Followed by an interactive session on key academic, administrative, and professional issues affecting nursing institutions. A panel discussion on *"Professional Association and Nursing Institutions: Aligning Expectations for Professional Growth"* was chaired by Dr. (Mrs.) Annie Kumar, National President, TNAI, and moderated by Mrs. Lekha Amminikutty, Director of Nursing Services, Kalinga Hospital. The panel featured Mrs. Geetarani Nayak, Assistant Professor and Nursing Superintendent, AIIMS Bhubaneswar; Dr. Rajalaxmi Mishra, Professor-cum-Principal, College of Nursing, Berhampur; Mrs. Dr. Niyati Das, Professor-cum-Principal, KINS, KIIT Deemed to be University; along with representatives from the Corporate and Government Chief Nursing Officer sectors. The discussion highlighted the importance of stronger collaboration between professional associations and nursing institutions to promote leadership, professional growth, and excellence in nursing practice.

The programme concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Mr. Assistant Ranjan Mohanty, SNAI Advisor.

HEALTH EVENTS OF THE MONTH

World Breastfeeding Week: 1-7 August

Breastfeeding is one of the most effective modalities to ensure child health and survival though less than half of infants under 6 months old are exclusively breastfed. To this end, World Breastfeeding Week (WBW) is organised during 1-7 August.

WBW 2026 will focus on tracking progress and evaluating breastfeeding impact on nutrition, food security and poverty reduction with highlights of successful implementation and lessons learnt. The theme will focus on tracking progress in Nutrition, food security and poverty reduction.

Breastmilk is a low-cost, locally available nutrition for all, hence promoting equity with economic returns to families and nations. Protecting, promoting and supporting breastfeeding will ensure optimum nutrition, food security and poverty reduction. Breastfeeding saves both the infant and maternal lives. It also supports nutrition, development and lifelong health. WBW is supported by WHO, UNICEF and many Ministries of Health and civil society partners.

In 2018, a World Health Assembly resolution endorsed World Breastfeeding Week as an important health promotion strategy. With a different theme each year, it aims to promote the enabling environments that help women to breastfeed – including support in the community and the workplace, with adequate protections in government policies and laws – as well as sharing information on breastfeeding benefits and strategies.

To support breastfeeding globally, World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action (WABA) networks people working on a global scale to eliminate obstacles to breastfeeding in pursuance of Innocenti Declaration. The groups within this alliance tackle the problems from a variety of perspectives.

अंगदान-यह जन्म और दूसरा जन्म, दोनों का कल्याण करता है

मानव शरीर प्रकृति की उत्कृष्ट रचना है। इसके प्रत्येक अंग की विशिष्ट भूमिका है। इसीलिए समूचे शरीर और इसके प्रत्येक अंग-प्रत्यंग की समुचित देखभाल करना, इन्हें बीमार न होने देना हमारा परम दायित्व है। इतना ही नहीं, मरने के उपरांत भी हमारे अनेक शारीरिक अंग उन अभागों को नया जीवन प्रदान कर सकते हैं जिन्हें उस खास अंग की सख्त जरूरत है। कहा गया है, सार्थक उसी मनुष्य का जीवन है जो परोपकार करता रहता है। अंगदाता बन कर आप किसी के बुझे हुए जीवन को रौशन कर सकते हैं। अंगदान उच्च कोटि का पुण्य है।

शरीर के निम्न अंग दान किए जा सकते हैं

हृदय: हृदय प्रत्यारोपण से उसके जीवन में प्राण संचार किया जा सकता है जिसका हृदय कार्य नहीं कर रहा।

गुर्दे (किडनी): डायलिसिस पर निर्भर मरीजों को किडनी प्रत्यारोपण से निजात मिलती है।

यकृत (लीवर): लीवर दान से लीवर फेल्योर के मरीजों को नया जीवन मिल सकता है।

फेफड़े: फेफड़े दान से श्वास संबंधी बीमारियों से ग्रस्त लोगों को राहत मिल सकती है।

अग्न्याशय (पैन्क्रियास): डायबिटीज टाइप 1 मरीजों को नए पैन्क्रियास से लाभ मिलता है।

आंखें (कॉर्निया): कॉर्निया दान से दृष्टिहीन लोगों की दुनिया ही बदल सकती है।

अंगदान कब किया जा सकता है?

कुछ अंगों जैसे एक किडनी, लीवर या पेनक्रियाज का कुछ हिस्सा जीवित रहते हुए भी दान किया जा सकता है।

मरणोपरांत दान: हार्ट, दोनों किडनी, लीवर, लंग्स, पेनक्रियाज एवं इंटैस्टाइन का दान करके आठ जनों को जीवन दिया जा सकता है। अंगदान के लिए ब्रेन डेथ के तुरंत बाद चिकित्सकीय प्रक्रिया संपन्न की जाती है।

अंगदान का महत्व समझें और इसे अपनाएं, तथा दूसरों को इस कार्य के लिए प्रोत्साहित करें। इस पुनीत कार्य से अपना मौजूदा और आगामी जीवन सुधार सकते हैं।

— प्रकाशन एकक, टीएनएआई

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The Trained Nurses' Association of India (TNAI), the oldest and largest professional nursing organization in India, invites qualified nursing professionals to contribute to the development, revision, and review of TNAI publications, including textbooks, reference books, educational modules, manuals, guidelines, and learning resources.

This is an excellent opportunity to share your expertise, contribute to evidence-based nursing knowledge, and support the advancement of nursing education and practice at the national level.

Areas of Contribution in Nursing

- ✓ Writing Nursing Textbooks and Reference Books
- ✓ Revising Existing TNAI Publications
- ✓ Reviewing Manuscripts and Educational Materials
- ✓ Developing Educational Modules and Learning Resources
- ✓ Content Creation
- ✓ Clinical Practice Guidelines and Specialty Publications

Essential Eligibility Criteria

Applicants should possess:

- Registered Nurse and Registered Midwife (RN & RM) qualification
- Membership with TNAI
- Master's Degree in Nursing
- Minimum 10 years of relevant professional experience in:
 - Nursing Education
 - Clinical Practice
 - Nursing Administration
 - Research
- Experience in any of the following:
 - Book Writing
 - Chapter Writing
 - Manuscript Review
 - Educational Module Development
 - Curriculum Design and Development

Desirable Qualifications

PhD in Nursing or a related discipline

Documents Required

Applicants are requested to submit the following:

- Detailed Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Copy of Highest Educational Qualification
- Valid Nursing Registration Certificate
- ORCID ID (if available)
- List of Publications
- Two Professional References with name, present/past affiliation, full address, phone number
- Brief Statement of Expertise (200–300 words) highlighting the area(s) of contribution and specialization

Submit Your Application

Interested candidates may send their application and supporting documents to:

The Secretary General

The Trained Nurses' Association of India (TNAI)

L-17, Green Park, New Delhi – 110016, Email: publications@tnaionline.org

Note: The TNAI shall provide an appropriate honorarium to the selected experts in accordance with its approved policies and guidelines.

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79th TNAI National Conference 2026

Theme : "Redefining Clinical Practice: Empowering Nurses Through Innovative Technology."

Date: 15 & 16 December, 2026

Venue : Ramoji Film City, Hyderabad, Telangana

The Trained Nurses' Association of India (TNAI) continues its unwavering commitment to advancing the nursing profession by fostering **academic excellence, clinical innovation, and holistic development** among its members.

As part of the upcoming **79th TNAI National Conference**, TNAI proudly introduces a vibrant blend of **scientific platforms and talent-based competitions**, creating a unique opportunity for nurses to shine both professionally and personally.

Call for Scientific Submissions

TNAI invites submissions from its members for the following categories:

i **Scientific Paper Presentations**: Submissions must be strictly aligned with the conference theme; ii **Concurrent Sessions**: Open to all nursing specialties; studies should have been conducted within the last four years; iii **Scientific Poster Presentations**: Open to all nursing specialties; studies should have been conducted within the last four years; iv **Case Study Poster Presentations**: Focused on clinically relevant case studies highlighting patient care, interventions, and outcomes.

Participants are encouraged to submit **original, unpublished work** that reflects innovation, evidence-based practice, and recent advancements in nursing. Submissions must follow structured scientific guidelines, including abstract, methodology, results, discussion, and nursing implications.

The **Best Paper** will be considered for publication in the prestigious **Nursing Journal of India (NJI)**.

Promoting Clinical Excellence & Knowledge Sharing

The introduction of **Case Study Poster Presentations** marks a significant step in encouraging nurses to showcase **real-life clinical experiences**, critical thinking, and patient-centered care practices. These platforms aim to strengthen **clinical reasoning, documentation skills, and evidence-based practice**.

Beyond Academics: Celebrating Talent & Personality

Recognizing that nurses are multi-talented individuals, TNAI has introduced two exciting competitions exclusively for its members:

Group Dance Competition

• Maximum 8 members per team • One entry per state • Duration: 3 minutes • Style: Cinematic

This platform celebrates **team spirit, creativity, and cultural expression**.

Personality Contest

A three-round competition designed to highlight **confidence, communication, and leadership presence**:

• Traditional Attire Round • Contemporary/Western Attire Round • Question & Answer Round

Separate competitions will be conducted for male and female participants, culminating in titles such as **Mr TNAI and Ms TNAI**, along with runner-up positions.

Encouraging Holistic Development

Through these diverse initiatives, TNAI emphasises that nursing is not only about clinical competence but also about **confidence, creativity, leadership, and individuality**. These platforms foster **camaraderie, national integration, and professional pride** among nurses across the country.

Important Information

• **Last Date for Submission**: 30th September 2026 • **Submission Email**: tnaiconference2026@gmail.com • Only accepted entries will be invited for presentation • All presenters must be **TNAI members and Registered conference participants**

A Collective Step Forward

The 79th TNAI National Conference promises to be a **dynamic confluence of knowledge, innovation, and talent**. It is an opportunity for nurses to **learn, lead, express, and excel**.

TNAI warmly invites all members to participate actively and contribute to building a **future-ready nursing workforce for India**.

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