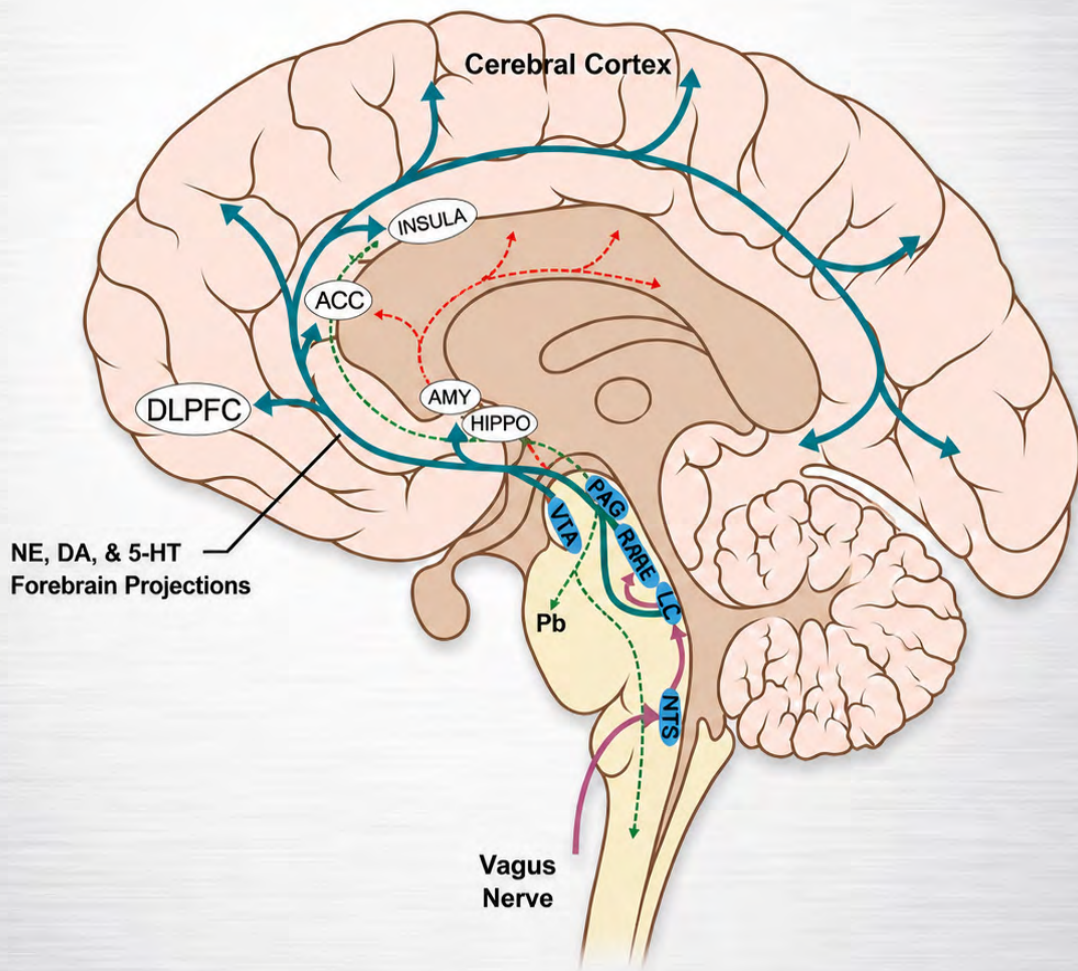


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# *Editorial...*



**Dr Parampreet S. Kharbanda**



**Dr Joy Desai**

**Dear Epilepsy Community Members,**

We bring out this issue with a heavy heart, carrying tributes to two senior and respected members of our community Dr BC Bansal, and Mr. K. V. Muralidharan. We hope to follow the example of the inspiring lives they led.

We carry important message from the Presidents of IEA & IES on the activities of the societies. We have the current flyer from the organizing committee of ECON 2026, welcoming you all to Ludhiana in August this year. The bids for ECON 2028 are open and, we carry an announcement regarding this from the Secretary General IES.

The cover picture is contributed by one of the editors (Dr Joy Desai). In addition, it has announcement of Awards earned by our members and reports from the various chapters of IEA. We will be coming out with the next issue very soon, so please send your contributions to [editorepilepsyindia@gmail.com](mailto:editorepilepsyindia@gmail.com).

***Param & Joy***

# NOTE FROM IES & IEA PRESIDENTS

Preparations are going on well for the ECON 2026. There will be an "update on epilepsy" for the general practitioners on August 6, 2026. There will be a CME on Genetics and Critical Care in Epilepsy on August 7, 2026. Five international speakers, Matthew Walker, Arthur Cukiert, Piero Perucca, Andreas Brunklaus and Kheng Seang Lim, and have confirmed the participation. Large number of abstracts and session proposals were received. Excellent scientific and social programs are being prepared for the ECON 2026 on August 7-8, 2026.

The current IES EC along with the IEA embarked upon "Vision 2047" to create a roadmap for epilepsy care in India aligning with the "Viksit Bharat 2047."



The first Vision meeting was held at DMCH, Ludhiana on March 28, 2026 (see group photograph). The second Vision meeting is being held at Ramaiah Medical College, Bengaluru on May 9, 2026. The third and fourth Vision meetings are expected to be held at Kochi and Mumbai in due course. IES is planning to organize a number of task forces. Interested members may please contact Dr. KP Vinayan, the Secretary General.



*IES and IEA membership forms can be downloaded from <https://epilepsyindia.org/>*



Indian Epilepsy  
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# ECON 2026

27<sup>TH</sup> JOINT CONFERENCE - IEA & IES  
Organised by IEA, Ludhiana Chapter

INNOVATIONS AND ADVANCEMENTS  
IN EPILEPSY CARE

VENUE: HOTEL PARK PLAZA LUDHIANA

[www.econ2026.com](http://www.econ2026.com)

## HIGHLIGHTS AT ECON 2026

- CME: Epilepsy genetics and Critical care EEG
- Pre-conference workshops: Brain dissection, Ketogenic diet, Neuroimaging of epilepsy
- Quiz, CPC, Award paper sessions
- Abstract Submission last date 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026
- Award Paper Submission Extended till 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026

PRE  
CONFERENCE  
WORKSHOP:  
6<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST  
CONFERENCE:  
7<sup>TH</sup>-9<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST  
2026



SUBMIT NOW

**Dr Sulena** has recently been conferred the **2026 Bruce S. Schoenberg International Award** in Neuroepidemiology by the **American Academy of Neurology** at its Annual Meeting (AAN April 18-22, 2026). This prestigious award honours early- and mid-career neurologists who demonstrate exceptional promise as leaders in neuroepidemiology research.

Dr Sulena is Professor and Head of the Department of Neurology at Guru Gobind Singh Medical College & Hospital, Faridkot, Punjab, India. She completed her MBBS from the Government Medical College, Amritsar (2004), followed by an MD in Medicine from the Dayanand Medical College, Ludhiana (2010), and a DM in Neurology from the SMS Medical College, Jaipur (2014). She further enhanced her academic expertise through a FAIMER Fellowship in Health Professions Education (CMC Ludhiana / Intealth, USA) in 2025. Her areas of specialization include stroke, epilepsy, public health neurology, and medical education. In addition to her clinical and academic roles, she serves as Sub-Dean (Research and Development) at Baba Farid University of Health Sciences, Faridkot, where she actively contributes to strengthening research initiatives and academic programs. Dr Sulena is also a member of the Governing Council of the Indian Epilepsy Association. Her work extends into public health, with a particular focus on epilepsy and neuroepidemiology, especially among school-aged children in India. Her efforts aim to bridge clinical care with community-based research and education to improve neurological outcomes at the population level.



# ECON 2028

★ **BIDS OPEN** ★

*Applications are invited for hosting*

## ECON 2028

*the joint annual conference of*

**Indian Epilepsy Society**  
&

**Indian Epilepsy Association**



 **LAST DATE TO SEND  
THE COMPLETED BIDS IS  
30<sup>th</sup> May, 2026**

 Please contact @  
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**Dr. K P Vinayan MD, DNB, DM**  
Secretary General, Indian Epilepsy Society

# OBITUARY

Mr. K. V. Muralidharan was born in February 1948 and spent his early childhood in Belakwadi, a small village on the banks of the Kaveri River in Malavalli Taluk, Karnataka.

His formative years were spent in the heart of Bengaluru, in the present-day KR Market area. He graduated from SLN High School on KR Market Road and later attended Vijaya College on RV Road, where he pursued a BSc in Organic Chemistry. Also very active in extracurricular activities, he was a senior Navy

cadet officer in the NCC during that time, and was popularly known as "INS Rakshasa" for his loud, booming voice and commanding presence during parades. He also represented his college cricket team as a talented leg-spin bowler and a middle-order batsman.

After graduation, he joined the pharmaceutical industry, working with Ciba and later Hindustan Ciba-Geigy Ltd, which subsequently merged with Sandoz to form Novartis Ltd. He served the organisation for over 35 years (1968-2004), through dedication, discipline, and consistent performance, he rose through the ranks and retired as business manager in 1996. During his long and distinguished career, Mr. Murali played a significant role in sales and marketing initiatives, new product launches, and the development of key accounts, earning the respect and admiration of colleagues and industry peers alike.

Beyond his professional achievements, he was deeply committed to community service. He became involved with the Indian Epilepsy Association in the early 1990s under the guidance of



**Mr. K. V. Muralidharan**  
(1948 - 2026)

K. S. Mani. He has actively worked to sensitize the public about epilepsy, emphasizing that it is a treatable medical condition rather than a stigma. He has conducted awareness talks at various venues, including the Banjara Academy, to educate the public on epilepsy management and seizure safety. He has been recognized for his, significant contributions to improving the lives of people with epilepsy (PWE) and reducing the stigma associated with the condition.

He has been an office bearer in

IEA Bangalore chapter occupying several post including Secretary, President. Served in Indian Epilepsy Association, Central Office as Executive Committee Member, later as Treasurer from 2013-2021. Awards: He was the recipients of the Asia Oceania Outstanding Achievement Epilepsy Award (AOEA) in 2016, which recognizes outstanding contributions to epilepsy care and advocacy. He was also actively involved with the Indian Stroke Association, community outreach programmes, and various ethics committees and Treasurer for the Stroke Society. He was a true people's person - always positive and a great listener. He was naturally gifted at instantly connecting with people from all walks of life with disarming ease. This was reflected in his passion for counselling and, consequently, in his popularity as one.

Despite facing significant health challenges, he always remained optimistic and resilient. When hospitalized with COVID-19 during the first wave, he famously turned the experience into a humorous story about "concierge service" in the hospital. He later bounced back from a heart attack in November 2022. When diagnosed with ano-rectal cancer in

June 2023, he learnt all there was to it and fought valiantly through chemotherapy, radiation, and multiple surgeries. He eventually achieved complete remission and, true to his nature of advocacy, began counseling others on the importance of surveillance and pre-emptive colonoscopies. His commitment to educate the community and create awareness of epilepsy is exemplified by his participation in recent international epilepsy day 09-02-2026, (Post illness) by demonstrating a seizure on the stage! He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Dr Maya

Nadkarni, a retired anesthesiologist and Director of Health, Karnataka Govt., and their two children: Dr Priyamvada Tatachar, a paediatric neurologist practicing in the United States, and Mr Tejus Tatachar, a mechanical engineer based in Brisbane, Australia.

**Dr HV Srinivas**  
Neurologist  
Bangalore

# OBITUARY

From the minute we are born to the moment we take our last breath, a person who is born is destined to die. Death is a universal truth of life. Yet, the concept of losing someone near and dear forever, is something that's difficult to grasp. Soon after losing a person being as close as a family member, comes the grueling process of writing his obituary! Dr B. C. Bansal departed for his heavenly abode on 17th December. He lived a full life of over 90 years and left a Legacy of "Healing and Leading".



**Dr. Bhupendra Chandra Bansal**  
(21.5.1935 –17.12.2025)

Dr. Bhupendra Chandra Bansal was born on May 21, 1935, in Chakwal (present-day Pakistan), to the late Kaushalya Devi and Lala Budh Ram, a prominent educationist. Following the partition of India, the family returned to their native village of Sahoran (District Ropar in Punjab). He went on to earn his MBBS from Medical College, Amritsar in 1957 and his MD from Medical College, Patiala in 1962.

In 1963, he became a founding member of Medical College at Rohtak (now PGIMS Rohtak). During 1970-71 he went on WHO fellowship to UK and Australia to train in Neurology. He rose to the rank of Professor, founded the Department of Neurology, and served as its Head of Department (HOD) until his retirement in 1989 from Rohtak. During this period, he not only inspired and guided thousands of medical students but also mentored and trained hundreds of MD students and junior colleagues. He also served in the Indian Army (AMC) for four years during the conflict on the Eastern Frontier at Guwahati and Kohima.

Dr Bansal was a doctor and a human being par excellence. He has healed and shaped countless lives during his illustrious professional career of over 65 years. Beyond his teaching, clinical and military service, Dr. Bansal was also a prolific academician, authoring dozens of scientific

publications and several books that have been published. His sincere hard work, sense of responsibility, discipline, administrative & leadership skills were recognized nationally. He served as the National President of the Association of Physicians of India (API) - as well as being a founder member and holding leadership roles in various professional organisations like the Geriatric Society of India, Indian Epilepsy Society, Neurological Society of India, various chapters of API and many more Industry

bodies and Associations.

In his later years he was settled in Delhi and Noida and he served as a Senior Neurological Consultant at several prestigious institutions and prominent hospitals of Delhi and NCR. His philanthropic spirit remained tied to his roots, as he continued to provide financial and leadership support to his father's school in Kurali and the Swami Shradhanand Guru Shai Vedic Vidyalaya in Moradabad apart from supporting many other social, developmental and religious missions & organizations. A man deeply admired by all whom he touched, he had great acumen in many other fields apart from medicine. He was not only an eloquent speaker, but a fabulous singer and very good at sher o' shayari too.

Dr. Bansal's zest for active life remained undiminished even after cancer diagnosis in October 2024. He never missed any scientific convention despite old age and sickness and actively contributed to every discussion with full energy. He continued to treat patients until November 2025 and enjoyed his daily three-hour bridge games until his hospital admission in first week of December. Dr Bansal will be remembered equally for his philanthropy and his unwavering spirit. He remains a motivating force, a guiding light

and a role model for the present and future generations. He donated almost Rs 1.10 crores from his own earnings and savings for various orations and charities, the last donation he made just a few weeks before he passed away.

Dr Bansal was always very dedicated and diplomatic in his approach of complex situations. All of us in India have known him to be a very friendly, composed and a compassionate person with a great sense of humour. The epilepsy and neurology community in India has lost a huge pillar of strength. What he could achieve in the last 4-5 decades will be difficult for anyone else to match. To me personally, he was like a fatherly figure with whom I interacted on a regular basis for any kind of advice and also exchanged every small happening in the family. He was very close to my wife Menka (also his student), our children and even the grand-children.

With Dr Bansal's death, an era of refined leadership defined by consensus, humour, charm, wit, vision, intelligence, endowments and humility comes to an end in the Indian context. His passing away leaves me personally bereft, but the life he lived was one to be celebrated.

Our prayers and condolences go to his wife Mrs Uma Bansal, sons Samir and Sandip Bansal, and daughter Dr Mita Gupta, their families, grand-children and the great grand-children.

We in the Indian Epilepsy Association, Indian Epilepsy Society and the IEA-18th IEC Trust pray for the departed soul.

**Dr. SATISH JAIN, MD; DM; FRCP**

Director - Indian Epilepsy Centre,  
New Delhi (India)

# SAMMAN ACTIVITIES

## NATIONAL EPILEPSY DAY 2025

### BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

National Epilepsy Day is observed across India each year on 17 November to raise awareness, reduce stigma, and build an informed and compassionate society for people living with epilepsy.

In 2025, **Samman Association** marked this day with a series of meaningful, community-led and advocacy-driven activities. The focus remained on:

- Empowering people with epilepsy to speak for themselves
- Engaging caregivers and families
- Amplifying medical and psychosocial awareness
- Creating inclusive community spaces
- Celebrating lived experience and resilience

Leading up to National Epilepsy Day, Samman brought together community members, healthcare experts, families and supporters through a mix of digital and in-person initiatives, creating momentum, visibility and connection.

### KEY ACTIVITIES



- Announcement of Jiyo Samman Se Run 2026
- Facebook Live: Experts Talk
- Community Picnic
- Mind–Body Wellness: Yoga & Meditation Session
- Community Voices: Patient-led Awareness

### ANNOUNCEMENT OF JIYO SAMMAN SE RUN 2026

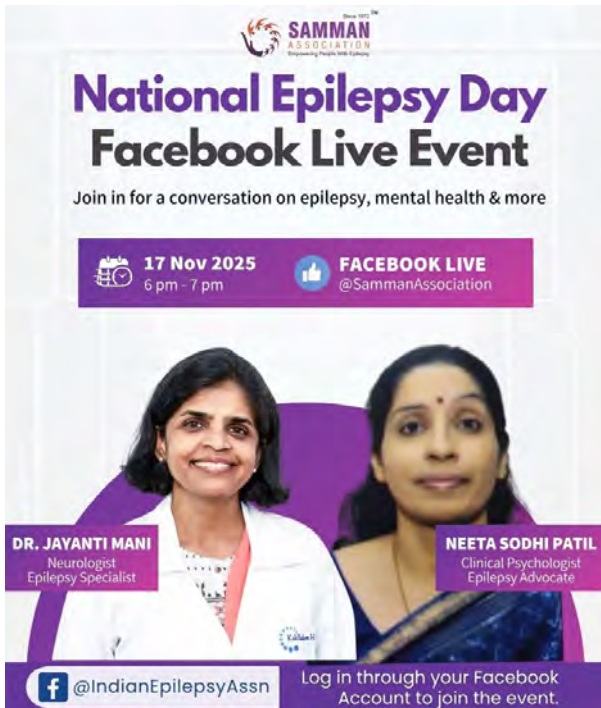


- As part of the National Epilepsy Day campaign, Samman proudly announced the second edition of the Jiyo Samman Se timed run — India’s only timed run for epilepsy awareness.
- We onboarded or Presenting Partner - PCPL COstructions - on National Epilepsy Day.
- The run will take place in February 2026, aligning with International Epilepsy Month, creating a powerful public platform for over 750+ participants.

### FACEBOOK LIVE WITH EXPERTS

- On the evening of National Epilepsy Day, Samman hosted an interactive Facebook Live session featuring:
- Dr. Jayanti Mani – Senior Neurologist and Epileptologist
- Neeta Sodhi Patil – Clinical Psychologist and Person with epilepsy
- The conversation addressed epilepsy treatment, lifestyle considerations, mental

health, medication adherence, and emotional well-being.



### SAMMAN PICNIC

- A joyful gathering brought over 50 Samman members together one week before National Epilepsy Day on November 9, 2025. The picnic created a fun and empowering space where epilepsy patients and families could connect.
- The day was filled with laughter, games, music and conversations — reinforcing the message that epilepsy does not limit community, fun or belonging.



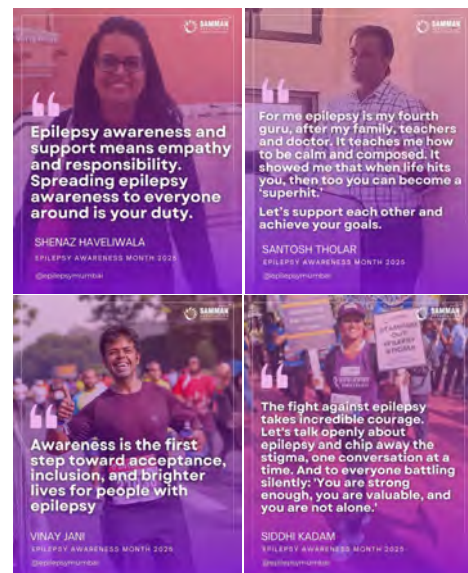
### YOGA & MEDITATION SESSION

- Held one day prior to National Epilepsy Day, this virtual session focused on mindfulness, grounding, breathwork and gentle yoga movements.
- Led by a trained facilitators, the session helped participants explore tools for stress relief and mind–body balance, recognising that emotional wellbeing plays a key role in epilepsy management.



### PATIENT-LED AWARENESS

- To bring authentic voices forward, Samman launched a digital campaign featuring personal messages from people living with epilepsy.
- These short messages captured encouragement, strength, hope, and reflections on living with epilepsy. The posts were shared across social media platforms throughout November, helping normalize conversations and showcasing the diversity within the epilepsy community.



# INDORE ACTIVITIES

Reported By: Dr.V.V Nadkarni - Secretary of IEVAS

“ National Epilepsy Day Celebration 17 November 2025  
This was organized by IEVAS and Gita Bhawan Hospital Indore ”

On the occasion of National Epilepsy Day, the Indian Epilepsy Association - Indore Chapter (IEVAS), in collaboration with the Madhya Academy of Pediatric Neurology, & Gita Bhawan Hospital organized a special seminar and epilepsy awareness camp at the Gita Bhawan Hospital. The event commenced with a lamp-lighting ceremony and Saraswati Vandana.



**Dr.V.G Dakwale Neurosurgeon (President of IEVAS)**, addressed that National Epilepsy Day is observed annually across India to raise awareness about epilepsy and to disseminate information regarding its prevention, management, and treatment. He emphasized that the seminar aims to provide accurate information to ensure effective management of the disorder.



**Dr. V.V. Nadkarni Neurologist (IEVAS secretary)** presented slides highlighting the causes, symptoms, and treatment of epilepsy. She explained that epilepsy is a neurological disorder in



which abnormal electrical activity in the brain causes seizures. she said that the main objective of National Epilepsy Day is to spread knowledge and

eliminate misconceptions regarding epilepsy. Dr. Nadkarni also presented the formation, objectives, and ongoing activities of IEVAS, including counseling, training, research, and awareness campaigns for people affected by epilepsy. In his concluding remarks, Dr. Nadkarni urged society to maintain a positive attitude towards individuals with epilepsy, offering them respect and support so that they can lead normal lives. IEVAS Indore activities in the 2025 holding monthly workshops at Gita Bhawan Hospital in which lectures on epilepsy, skitshows and videos has helped to remove myths and misconceptions, about epilepsy to some extent Public awareness program are regularly organized on National Epilepsy Day (1991-2025), International Epilepsy Day, and Purple Day at Gita Bhawan Hospital

**Shri Ramvilas Rathi Secretary** of the Gita Bhawan Trust, stated that patients can lead healthy lives by adhering to regular treatment and timely medication. He requested family members to support patients mentally and ensure continuity in treatment.



Medical Director Shri Gajendra Bhandari described epilepsy as a manageable health condition and encouraged patients to follow prescribed medications, medical advice, and a stress-free lifestyle. He said that with proper treatment, epilepsy patients can continue their daily activities without disruption.

**Dr. Archana Verma** Neurologist emphasized dispelling social myths related to epilepsy and clarified that it is a medical condition, not a curse, and is treatable. She informed patients about

government schemes, particularly pensions and other benefits, to help them lead a safer and more empowered life.

The Nursing students of the Kanyakubj Nursing College attended the National Epilepsy day program.

**Dr. Anagha Bhagwat**, pediatric Neurologist and IEVAS Hon. treasurer, elaborated on what epilepsy is, how it affects the brain, its common symptoms, causes, and treatment options she also demonstrated

**\*\*First aid during seizures\*\*** through a live session, giving nursing students practical training in emergency care.



The program concluded with a free medical camp where patients received medical check-ups and free antiepileptic medicines

Dr. Kurechia played a key role in distributing medicines and provided guidance on their proper use.



**Neelam Ranade** extended vote of thanks.

Organizers emphasized that such programs play a crucial role in spreading awareness, dispelling myths, and enabling people with epilepsy to lead confident and fulfilling lives.

# JAIPUR ACTIVITIES

Reported By: Dr. R.K.Sureka - Treasurer IEA (Central)

## A) RELEASE OF POSTER ON “WOMEN AND EPILEPSY “ AND TALK ON “SEIZURE CONTROL TO SEIZURE FREEDOM – RECENT TRENDS IN EPILEPSY MANAGEMENT” AT JNU MEDICAL COLLEGE, JAIPUR

IEA Jaipur Chapter and JNU Medical College & Hospital marked National epilepsy Day with a series of awareness programmes to educate the public and the medical professionals about Epilepsy. Event was marked by launch of a **special poster on “Women and Epilepsy”** emphasizing awareness of gender specific challenges faced by women with Epilepsy. Poster was **unveiled by JNU Chancellor Dr. Sandeep Bakshi, Professor Dr. R.K. Sureka, President of Jaipur Chapter IEA and Director Neurology, JNU Medical College**, shared insights into “Seizure control to Seizure Freedom – Recent trends in Epilepsy Management”. Dr.Sureka also unveiled his handwritten book on epilepsy and its treatment reflecting his commitment to education and patient care.



Unveiling of Book on Epilepsy Management authored by Prof (Dr). R.K.Sureka

Unveiling of Poster on “Women and Epilepsy “ on occasions of National Epilepsy Day.



**B) FREE EPILEPSY CAMP, AND AWARENESS PROGRAMME AT RATAN NAGAR (DIST CHURU) RAJASTHAN**

**Epilepsy Care and Research foundation** in collaboration with Jaipur chapter of IEA celebrated Epilepsy Awareness Day on 4TH November 2025 . **375th Free camp** was held on 4th November at Ratan Nagar where 575 patients were examined and given free medicines for full 1 month and were also offered free food along with their attendants. **Epilepsy Awareness month** celebration was started which would be attended by team of doctors which consisted of 4 specialists (Physician, Pediatrician, Psychiatrist and Neurologist). On this occasion An **Exhibition** was organized by **Prof. Dr. R.K. Sureka** depicting the various facets of Epilepsy and was visited by residents of the village , patients and their relatives , where people were educated about Do's and Don'ts. An Epilepsy Awareness quiz was also organized which taught people various aspects of epilepsy in a interesting way and winners were given prizes.



Dr. R. K. Sureka conducting the Q & A sessions for Epileptic patients.

Hoads of Epileptic patient attending the Free Epilepsy Camp at Ratannagar, Churu.



Flagging off of Epilepsy Awareness Rally at camp.

# BANGALORE ACTIVITIES

Reported By: Dr. Chanda Kulkarni

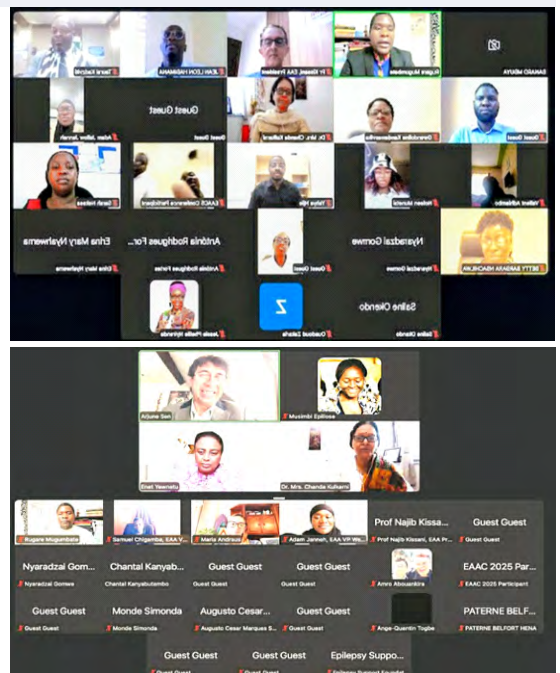
**Dr, Mrs. Chanda Kulkarni**, a life member and member of editorial Board, of Indian Epilepsy Association - Epilepsy India Newsletter & affiliated as Director – Medical Affairs, Innovative Drug Development [iDD] Research Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore **was awarded prestigious Prof. M.N. Ghosh Memorial Oration Award** at the Indian Pharmacological Society Annual Conference held at Panjab University, Chandigarh – 20th to 22nd November – 2025. The topic of her oration was – **“An Overview of Successful and Exciting Research Experiences in the field of EPILEPSY: My 'Roller Coaster' Journey”**.



**Dr. Chanda Kulkarni**, seen awarded the prestigious **“Prof. B. N. Ghosh Memorial ORATION – 2025”** by – Prof. Y. K. Gupta & Prof. Tapan Mandal; also seen is Ms. Prerana. Dr. Chanda has also received **“Excellence in Teaching & Research – 2023”** along with Dr Nilima Kshirsagar [KEM, Mumbai] seated – top right. Below right are Dr. Anuradha Majumdar and Dr Sadhana Sathey who were awardees for other orations at – International Pharmacology Conference – 55<sup>th</sup> Indian Pharmacological Society, Panjab University, Chandigarh, 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2025

## Participation at the Epilepsy Alliance Africa Conference:

Dr. Kulkarni was also invited speaker for Online via Zoom at - The Epilepsy Alliance Africa Conference5, that was held on 17th and 18th September. The conference had several themes like - “Uniting Voices for Epilepsy: Advocacy, Innovation and Impact, Working towards reaching African targets of the Intersectoral global action plan (IGAP) on epilepsy and other neurological disorders”. Conference was a part of Zebra Stripes Epilepsy Week, 15-19 September 2025 and covered variety of topics which included – The Community Voices, Regional innovations and interventions, Reflections etc. I delivered a talk on 18th September under the session titled - Global perspectives and research. The topic of her presentation was – “Epilepsy as a Prototype Model to Educate Healthcare Professionals at the “Grass Root Level” over 30 mins.



## Explanation of Cover Picture

The cover picture elucidates the anatomical basis of VNS in refractory epilepsy.

The details can be found in the reference and link given below.

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