



NATIONAL NEONATOLOGY FORUM (Founded in 1980)



Dear fellow colleagues,

A very happy and healthy new year ahead to all of you and your family. I'm overwhelmed with emotions as I write for the last time as President of National Neonatology Forum, India in this 43rd Annual Convention of National Neonatology Forum souvenir.

I consider myself very fortunate to have been given the mandate to lead this great organization in the year 2024.

NNF is an organization that has made a deep impact on improving neonatal care in India as well as abroad along with other national and international organisations for the past many years. I truly believe that NNF is fulfilling its vision of improving neonatal health with a focus on research, training, and honing our skills as neonatologists. Each day, we strive to provide experiences and opportunities that are second to none. The cornerstone principles of excellence, accountability, transparency, and service-centeredness guide NNF to this day. Today, our organization has more than 10,000 neonatologists, pediatricians, and nursing staff members leading the way nationwide as we proactively seek out opportunities to integrate and coordinate our efforts locally, nationally, and internationally to create an impact in improving neonatal care.

This year, NNF's most remarkable achievements include the launch of three successful programs, which are the first of their kind and well appreciated by the fraternity: the NNF Short Course in Neonatology (ShINe) for pediatric postgraduates, Neonatal Ventilation pIUs Respiratory caRE (NeoVentURE), and NNF-Sonography for Optimizing Neonatal Intensive Care (SONIC) courses.

During this year as president, I had tremendous support from all of you, and I am both proud and honoured to say that we have moved proactively, transformed our efforts to our vision, and remained at the forefront as neonatal care givers nationwide.

Thanks and Regards,

Dr. Sushma Nangia
NNF President 2024



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Dear Fellow Colleagues,

National Neonatology Forum (NNF) remains at the forefront of shaping perinatal and neonatal care policy, partnering with state governments and national and international agencies. Our initiatives in Facility-Based Newborn Care (FBNC), accreditation, fellowships, mentoring, and evaluation continue to set benchmarks for neonatal care in India.

Members can now seamlessly manage their memberships and payments online through the newly developed interactive NNF Website <https://nnfi.org>. Members can now access UpToDate, the comprehensive advanced and latest research resource, at discounted rates via exclusive discounted subscription offers, especially for postgraduate students. NNF Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP) Training of Trainers (TOT) workshops have been conducted nationwide with the latest IAP-NNF-NRP textbook. The Advanced NRP Workshop manual's third edition was released in 2024.

NNF ShINe, Short course In Neonatology for 12 weeks, has been organized in which almost 2000 or more first-year postgraduate resident doctors, across 400 or so medical colleges and an equal number of DNB institutions, participated actively. Fifty and more skill-based workshops in the course's 2nd week and 10th week were concurrently organized across India. Similarly, various rounds viz, college, divisional, zonal, and national of NNF Quiz for doctors and nurses are being conducted annually wherein all postgraduate doctors and neonatal nurses participate. We have successfully conducted workshops on neonatal ventilation, NEOMAP, NeoQuIP, research methodology, and more. NNF-PGI workshop on neurodevelopment will have BSID with a certificate, DASII, HINE, HNNE, etc.

NNF's role in advocating and championing the cause of vulnerable mothers and babies has been acknowledged by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare regarding preparing a bill against the commercialization of human milk. NNF Committee on Breastmilk and Breastfeeding Support, Promotion and Protection (NNF B2 S P2) took out a position statement on the Commercialisation of Neonatal and Young Infant Feeding Practices, which has been submitted to the government.

Since 2000, NNF has been conducting quality certification and accreditation of newborn units across India, with almost 300 neonatal units being regularly monitored and accredited by NNF for the last two decades. A new web-based online accreditation application has smoothened the whole process. The NNF fellowship program, which provides specialty training in Neonatology to doctors and nurses, has churned out newborn specialist doctors and nurses who are now in charge of many secondary-level neonatal units across India. Neonatal Online Education and Learning (NOEL) for nurses and doctors has ensured uniform knowledge and skills of trainee fellows in these units.

The NNF Journal, in collaboration with our esteemed publishing partner SAGE, is free to all NNF members who have completed online registration. Most worldwide journals have shifted to an online-only mode, and the Journal of Neonatology made this transition in 2020, with physical copies being made available to only those institutions and individuals who subscribe to it on payment. We are proud to announce a significant increase in submissions, growing from 400 to 600 pages of valuable content, a testament to our members' expanding interest and contributions.

As the transitioning Secretary General, It's my privilege to recognize the unwavering support and dedication of my fellow NNF members. This year has exemplified our collective commitment to advancing neonatal care as we have strategically aligned our efforts with our vision, driving innovation and maintaining excellence on a national scale.

Thanks and Regards

Dr Surender Singh Bisht
Secretary General, NNF 2023-2024