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MAHAIYCFCON POSHAN 2.0: 2024

The Department of Paediatrics, Dr. D. Y. Patil Medical College, Hospital and Research Centre, Pimpri, Pune-18. had conducted 2nd Maharashtra State Conference on Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) Chapter of CIAP, MAHAIYCFCON POSHAN 2.0, was successfully conducted on 25th August 2024 at Medical college Auditorium. The theme of conference was "Prepare for the Unexpected – Closing the Gap: Support for All".

It was organized by the in collaboration with several esteemed organizations, including the, HMB, UNICEF, BPNI Maharashtra, IAP Pune, and POGS.

The conference commenced with an inauguration ceremony where a commemorative Souvenir was released by distinguished guests. Dr. Ramgopal Chejara, President of IAP Maharashtra, served as the Guest of Honour, and Dr. J. S. Bhawalkae, Dean of Dr. D. Y. Patil Medical College, Hospital and Research Institute, was the Chief Guest. The event was graced by prominent figures including Dr. Satish Tiwari, Dr. Jayant Shah (President of Central IYCF), Dr. Amol Pawar (Secretary of IAP Maharashtra), Dr. Prashant Gangal, Dr. Sanjay Prabhu, Dr. Mangala Wani (Past President of BPNI Maharashtra), and Dr. Shailaja Mane (President of IYCF Maharashtra and Head of the Department of Paediatrics). Dr. Vineeta Pande served as the Organizing Chairperson, with Dr. Pramila Menon as the Co-Chairperson and Dr. Shradha Salunkhe and Dr. Shilpa Kshirsagar as Organizing Secretaries.

The conference drew over 200 delegates from across Maharashtra, highlighting its significant reach and impact. The program featured a variety of activities, including presentations from renowned speakers from cities such as Pune, Mumbai, Nashik, and Amravati. These experts provided valuable insights into best practices and advancements in infant and young child feeding.

A key feature of the conference was the involvement of postgraduate (PG) students, who presented their research through scientific papers and posters. Additionally, undergraduate (UG) MBBS students contributed to the event's

cultural aspect with a nukkad natak (street play) that creatively represented the conference theme.

The scientific discussions, along with the event's arrangements and hosting, received high praise from attendees. A significant outcome of the conference was the unanimous decision to promote and implement the Baby Friendly Workplace Initiative throughout Maharashtra, reflecting the conference's dedication to fostering supportive environments for infant feeding.

The success of MAHAIYCFCON POSHAN 2.0 2024 was made possible by the collaborative efforts of the entire Paediatrics Department, including faculty, residents, interns, and clerical staff, who worked diligently to ensure the event's smooth execution and substantial impact. The conference not only served as a platform for sharing expertise but also established a foundation for future initiatives in the field of infant and young child feeding.

