

22 & 23 August 2015: AIIMS Bhubaneswar organised a state level Critical Care Conference “**Critical Care AIIMS Bhubaneswar- CritiCAB 2015**”. Prof PC Mohanty (Dept of TEM) & Prof Sukdev Nayak (Dept of Anesthesia) were the organizing chairpersons, with Dr Swagata Tripathy (organising Secretary), Dr P Bhaskar Rao (co- secretary) and Dr Aparajita Hota (hospitality secretary).

Aimed at providing teaching and hands on training of all facilitators involved in Intensive Care of patients, this was done in collaboration with the Indian society of Critical care Medicine (ISCCM) , Bhubaneswar branch.

National and international trainers of repute- Professor AK Baronia. (SGPGI Lucknow), Professor Dhruva Choudhry (PGIMS Rohtak), Professor JV Divatia (Tata Memorial Hospital Mumbai), Professor YL Narayana (PGIMER Chandigarh), Dr Saikat Sengupta (Apollo Glenegles Kolkata), Dr Saurabh Saigal (AIIMS Bhopal) and Dr Sailesh Mishra (Newcastle, NHS, UK) accepted the invitation for this academic bonanza, held in this scale for the first time in the state. In house faculty included Prof P R Mohapatra, Dr S H Subba, Dr Manoj Panigrahi and Dr Bijayini Behera.



Clockwise from top left- 1. Inauguration of CritiCAB 2015 by esteemed Director AIIMS Bhubaneswar, Past president ISA Dr SSC Chakra Rao and other dignitaries. 2. Some esteemed faculty, whom we could get away for a photograph! 3. Airway workstation 4. Mechanical Ventilation workshop.

An overwhelming response - more than 250 registrations made the event a grand success. Apart from didactic lectures under the theme of “Applied Critical care”, there were 2 days post lunch hands on workshops in 6 areas of critical care. A state of art training in Simulation in critical care used for communication skills and Ultrasound in critical care with USG enabled manikins was the first of its kind in eastern India. Workshops in soft skills in critical care- communication, sedation and nutrition were also a novel first. A dedicated workshop for research methodology in critical care was also very well attended.



Clockwise from top left: 1. Panel discussion on antibiotics in ICU. 2. Research Methodology workshop
3. ABG interpretation Workshop 4. Simulation workshop in communication

Nurses are the backbone of any ICU- Day two saw a unique NURSES CRITICAB SYMPOSIUM, held in parallel with the doctor's session, with over 60 participants. They were also given hands on training in vital areas like intubation, mechanical ventilation, communication in ICU, nutrition and sedation.