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Lifetime achievement award for Dr MMA Faridi

LUCKNOW: Dr MMA Faridi, dean of Era's Medical College and Hospital, was honoured with 'Lifetime Achievement Award' at the 16th annual national conference of Indian Academy of Paediatrics (IAP), Neonatology Specialty Chapter (Neocon), organised on Saturday. The award was presented by deputy chief minister Brijesh Pathak. The deputy CM highlighted the government's efforts to reduce infant mortality rate through various initiatives and hard work by doctors and paramedical staff. Government hospitals are geared up to treat infants by establishing sick newborn care units (SNCUs) and



'Left my mother in order to be able to continue to love her': Exclusive excerpt from Booker winner Arundhati Roy's new memoir, in which she explores her complex bond with her mother, who both shaped and scarred her

Cristiano Ronaldo becomes first player to score 100 competitive goals for 4 different clubs, though his Al-Nassr loses Saudi Super Cup to Al-Ahli in a penalty shootout



President Donald Trump says Intel has agreed to sell US govt a 10% stake worth \$8.9bn in one of the largest US govt interventions since the 2008 rescue of auto industry

Lionel Messi-led Argentina, the reigning world champions, will play a Fifa friendly against an unnamed opponent in Kerala between Nov 10 and 18 in Kochi or Thiruvananthapuram



Docs, govt schemes helped reduce infant mortality rate in UP: Dy CM

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Lucknow: Doctors' diligence and implementation of health-related schemes across the state have helped in reduction of infant mortality rate (IMR). This was highlighted by Deputy CM Brajesh Pathak at the 16th annual national conference of the Indian Academy of Pediatrics (IAP) Neonatology Specialty (Neocon) Chapter on Saturday.



DyCM Brajesh Pathak being felicitated at the event

Pathak said facilities in govt hospitals were being enhanced with establishment of Sick Newborn Care Units (SNCUs) and NICUs to provide better treatment for critically ill infants. Additionally, to ensure pregnant women gave birth to healthy babies, govt has partnered with private diagnostic centres that provide free tests for pregnant women, the costs covered through a special scheme. The initiative, along

with free consultations and medications, is part of a broader effort to reduce both maternal and infant mortality rates. Deputy CM presented a lifetime achievement award to Dr MMA Faridi, a distinguished paediatrician and Dean of Era Medical College. Dr Shalini Tripathi of KGMU's Pediatrics Department

Nursing students inducted at SGPGIMS programme

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Lucknow: The College of Nursing at SGPGIMS organised an induction programme for the newly admitted first-year BSc and MSc nursing students (Batch 2025-26). This event was held alongside a tablet distribution ceremony for the final-year undergraduate and postgraduate nursing students on Saturday. In her opening remarks, director Dr Radha K outlined the vision, mission and values upheld by the college. She encouraged the new batch to commit to excellence, ethics and empathy in both academic and clinical settings.

Registrar Col Varun Bajpai (VSM) inspired the students with insights into the evolving healthcare landscape and the

vital role of nurses in transforming patient care. He stressed the importance of integrity, leadership and continuous skill development. In the keynote address, SGPGIMS director Prof RK Dhiman said: "Aim high, stay focused and be committed to your purpose. The nursing profession demands not just technical knowledge but deep compassion and unwavering commitment."

Earlier, as part of the initiative of the UP govt's tablet distribution programme under the Swami Vivekananda Youth Empowerment Scheme, tablets were distributed to 52 final-year BSc and MSc students. These devices are intended to support students in clinical documentation, e-learning and research-based academic work.

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