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Minutes of the 4th Managing Committee Meeting of AFG for the Year 2026-27 held on Thursday, 10th July 2026 from 9.30pm onwards on CLIRNET online platform.

The Secretary officially called the meeting to order. The following agenda items were discussed and transacted during the meeting.

1) Roll Call

The Following Managing Committee (MC) members were present and signed the attendance:

Dr. Anurag Bhate	Dr. Jayanti Kamat	Dr. Ashok Shukla
Dr. Ankesh Sahetya	Dr. Arun Nayak	Dr. Ashwini Kalyankar
Dr. Bela Bhatt	Dr. Dhaval Belvi	Dr. Ashlesh Sankhe
Dr. Rajendra Nagarkatti	Dr. Raju Sahetya	Dr. Navneet Desai
Dr. Sargam Soni	Dr. Jayanti Kamat	Dr. Komal Chavan
Dr. Manohar Motwani	Dr. Mridula Sarada	Dr. Mukesh Agarwal
Dr. Namrita Shregar	Dr. Nileema Masurkar	Dr. Niranjana Chavan
Dr. Nitin Shah	Dr. R.M. Saraogi	Dr. Rajkumar Shah
Dr. Rakesh Pandia	Dr. Riddhi Desai	Dr. Rupali Dharwadkar
Dr. Saurabh Dani	Dr. Seema Gadiwan	Dr. Saurabh Sueka
Dr. Shilpa Bhatia	Dr. S.N. Agarwal	Dr. Sudhir Naik
Dr. Ujwala Netam	Dr. Unnati Shah	Dr. Urmila Sureka
Dr. Vidya Bandukwalla		

2) Apologies for absence.

None

3) Confirmation of the Minutes of the last MCM held on 11th June 2026 and

discussion on any business arising therefrom.

Dr. Jayanti Kamat then read out the minutes of the previous Managing Committee Meeting held on 14th June 2026. The minutes were confirmed and approved.

Proposed by Dr. Saurabh Dani

Seconded by Dr. Ashok Shukla

4) Approval of New Members

Secretary Jayanti Kamat read out the names of the new membership applications received since the last meeting.

Life Member

Dr. Sayli Prashant Wankhedkar

Dr. Sapna Khare

Associate Life Member

Dr. Makarand Anil Rane

5) To discuss about upcoming CMEs Medicolegal aspects, on 19/07/2026, and planning of CME on Critical Care in Obstetric on 2nd Aug 2026 by Dr. Rakesh Pandia.

Dr. Ashok Shukla informed the members about the upcoming Medicolegal CME scheduled to be held on **19th July** at **Hotel Radisson**, from **9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** Registration and breakfast will be from **9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.**

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He stated that the CME has been designed to address practical medicolegal issues faced by obstetricians and gynaecologists in day-to-day practice. The program features a panel of distinguished speakers and experts who will share their knowledge and practical experiences.

The first session will focus on **valid informed consent**, with **Dr. Vipin Checker** discussing the legal requirements and essential aspects that every gynaecologist should know. He will also speak on complaints filed before the Maharashtra Medical Council and explain the principles of natural justice, considering the increasing number of complaints being lodged directly with the Council. The session will be chaired by **Dr. Raju Sahetya, Dr. Jayanti Kamath, and Dr. Ashwini Kalyankar**.

The second session, chaired by **Dr. Saurabh Dani, Dr. Uzma, and Dr. Bharti Choudhury**, will include a presentation by **Advocate Dr. Hitesh Bhatt** on common mistakes that can lead to serious medicolegal consequences. This will be followed by an interactive discussion on myths and facts in medicolegal practice by **Advocate Dr. Hitesh Bhatt and Dr. Vipin Checker**.

The third session, chaired by **Dr. Niranjan Chavan, Dr. Komal Chavan, and Dr. Neelima Masurkar**, will feature personal experiences shared by doctors who have faced medicolegal harassment. This will be followed by a live demonstration of courtroom cross-examination by an advocate, providing delegates with practical insights into legal proceedings.

Dr. M. C. Patel will deliver a session on **Medical Termination of Pregnancy (MTP) after 24 weeks**, highlighting recent legal developments and important case studies.

The program will conclude with a reverse panel discussion titled **"Beyond the Delivery Room,"** featuring experts in medicolegal practice, including **Dr. Samir Pradhan, Dr. Nikhil Datar, Dr. Vipin Checker, Dr. Sheetal Pandey, Dr. Radhika Sheth, and Dr. Sudhir Naik**, moderated by **Advocate Dr. Hitesh Bhatt**. The discussion will focus on practical medicolegal challenges encountered in obstetrics, gynaecology, IVF, ART, and complex surgical practice.

Dr. Ashok Shukla informed the members that the CME is being convened by **Dr. Ashok Shukla and Dr. Navneet Desai**, while **Dr. Namrata Shergar and Dr. Ankesh Sahetya** will serve as the Masters of Ceremony.

He concluded by expressing confidence that the CME would be a highly informative and practical academic program and invited all members to participate actively.

Report on the Upcoming CME: *Emergencies in Obstetrics and Gynecology*
Presented by Dr. Rakesh Pandia

Dr. Rakesh Pandia updated the members on the upcoming CME titled **"Emergencies in Obstetrics and Gynecology – A Teamwork Approach,"** scheduled for **2nd August 2026**. He informed the committee that the program has now been finalized and is being organized in collaboration with the Department of

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Anaesthesiology to promote a multidisciplinary approach to managing obstetric emergencies.

The CME is being convened by **Dr. Rakesh Pandia** and **Dr. Kalpesh Shah**. The scientific program will include lectures by eminent obstetricians and anaesthetists. **Dr. Atul Ganatra** will speak on *Near Misses in Obstetrics*, while **Dr. Girija Wagh** will deliver a lecture on *When Common Presentations Hide Uncommon Killers*. On the anaesthesia side, **Dr. Avdhoot Kulkarni** will present *The First 10 Minutes Matter – Anaesthesia-led Preparation for Obstetric Emergencies*, and **Dr. Kalpesh Shah** will discuss recent advances in obstetric anaesthesia.

A two-hour multidisciplinary panel discussion, moderated by **Dr. Rakesh Pandia** and **Dr. Kalpesh Shah**, will follow. The discussion will cover practical management of obstetric and gynaecological emergencies, including postpartum haemorrhage, placental disorders, blood transfusion, pulmonary embolism, emergency preparedness, staff training, standard operating protocols, safe patient transfer, and emergency investigations.

Following lunch, a **hands-on CPR workshop for pregnant women** using mannequins will be conducted by the anaesthesia team. Participation will be limited to **50 delegates** on a first-come, first-served basis, with the possibility of extending the number of participants slightly if required.

Dr. Pandia invited members to continue sharing suggestions and practical topics for inclusion in the panel discussion to ensure the CME addresses the most relevant challenges faced in clinical practice.

6) Secretary's Report AFG International Yoga Day & Gynaec Conclave in association with AMC Mumbai & OGSMB on 21st June 2026.

Dr. Jayanti Kamat presented the Secretary's Report.

She informed the members that the **Gynec Conclave** was held on **17th June 2026** at MasterChef. The academic program featured three expert speakers and was attended by approximately **50–60 delegates**. The event was well received and appreciated by the participants.

On **21st June 2026**, in celebration of **International Yoga Day**, a **Chair Yoga** session was organized at Orica. The session was conducted by **Ms. Rupal**, an experienced yoga instructor, who demonstrated practical chair yoga exercises that healthcare professionals can incorporate into their daily routine, even during consultation hours. Around **20–25 participants** attended the session, making it an engaging and successful wellness initiative.

7) Report of Journal Club by Dr. Namrita Sheregar at Andheri Topic The Role of Magnesium in Complicated Pregnancy.

Dr. Kamat also presented the report of the **Journal Club**, organized by **Dr. Namrita Sheregar**, on the topic **"Role of Magnesium in Complicated Pregnancy."** Held on **25th June 2026**. The program was attended by approximately **12–15 delegates**. Dr. Namrita delivered a concise and informative 10-minute presentation, followed by an interactive discussion on the topic. The session concluded with dinner and was appreciated for the quality of academic exchange and active participation.

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8) Report of Ran Symposium 14th June 2026 by Dr Vidya Bandukwala

Dr. Vidya Bandukwala reported that the symposium featured the presentation of **two clinical cases and one pathological specimen on uterine rupture**. The academic discussion was led by expert faculty members **Dr. Reena Vani** and **Dr. Tripti**, along with senior faculty members. The symposium was attended by a total of **84 postgraduate students**, making it a successful academic event.

Dr. Anurag Bhat informed the Managing Committee about the upcoming **RAN Symposium**, proposed to be held on **9th August 2026**. He shared that, as a new initiative, the faculty for this symposium would be from **Gandhi Medical College, Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh)**, marking the first collaboration with an institution outside Maharashtra. The Head of the Department and Head of the Unit have given their verbal consent to participate.

The symposium will include presentations by two postgraduate students on **Gestational Diabetes Mellitus (GDM)** and **Fibroid Uterus**, along with a pathological specimen for discussion. Dr. Bhat added that formal invitations would be sent via WhatsApp. He expressed confidence that this inter-state academic collaboration would promote knowledge sharing and strengthen interactions between postgraduate students and faculty from different institutions.

9) Treasurer's Report by Dr. Komal Chavan.

Dr. Komal Chavan informed the Managing Committee that she was out of India and experiencing network connectivity issues. With the permission of the Chair, Dr. Navneet Desai presented the Treasurer's Report on her behalf. Dr. Komal briefly joined the meeting and confirmed that, due to poor network connectivity, Dr. Navneet Desai should continue with the presentation.

The report covered the financial period from **1st June 2026 to 10th July 2026**.

Dr. Navneet Desai reported that the **opening balance** as on 1st June 2026 was **Rs.18,49,104**.

During the reporting period, the Association received **total receipts of Rs.57,700**, which included conference registration fees, UPI collections, membership fees, and NEFT credits.

The **total payments** made during the same period amounted to **Rs.1,80,649**, covering cheque payments and other approved expenses.

The **closing balance** as on 10th July 2026 stood at **Rs.18,26,155**.

Additionally Dr. Anurag Bhat informed the committee that the Association is expected to receive significant funds shortly. Koye Pharma has confirmed that a cheque will be issued within the next 15 days. In addition, **Emcure** is expected to release **Rs.75,000**, and the pending sponsorship amount of **Rs.7,00,000** from **Sun Pharma** is also expected during the coming month. Overall, the Association anticipates an inflow of approximately **Rs.10 lakh** over the next one to one-and-a-half months, based on recent discussions with the respective sponsors.

10) Discussion of reserving 20 % of profit towards long term online PR campaign as suggested by Dr Saurabh Dani, Dr Rakesh Pandia & Dr. Sudhir Naik.

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Dr. Saurabh Dani initiated a discussion on the need for a structured long-term public relations (PR) strategy to improve the public perception of the medical profession. He highlighted that healthcare professionals often face negative publicity and stressed the importance of proactively communicating the positive contributions of doctors through professional media engagement, rather than responding only after adverse incidents.

He proposed that AFG consider earmarking a percentage of its annual surplus (approximately 20%, or as decided by the Managing Committee) towards a long-term PR initiative. He further suggested that this could be a collaborative effort involving other medical associations, enabling the engagement of a professional PR agency to develop and implement an effective communication strategy across digital and print media. The objective would be to highlight the academic, educational, and community initiatives undertaken by medical organizations, thereby fostering greater public awareness and trust in the medical profession.

The Managing Committee appreciated the proposal and agreed that the concept deserved further exploration. It was decided that the Office Bearers, along with one or two Trustees, would meet with a few professional PR agencies to understand the available strategies, scope of work, implementation process, and financial implications. Based on these discussions, a detailed proposal, including the estimated budget and policy framework, will be presented before the Managing Committee for further deliberation and approval.

11) Any other matter with the permission of the chair.

Dr. Anuraag Bhate informed the Managing Committee about a trust, recommended by Dr. Kartikeya Bhagat, that supports specially-abled children by producing handmade products such as soaps and other gift items. He suggested exploring the possibility of using these products as gifts in place of, or in addition to, the traditional mementos presented to speakers.

The Committee discussed the proposal in detail. While several members appreciated the idea of promoting eco-friendly and socially responsible gifts, others observed that many speakers value and preserve mementos as a lasting token of appreciation.

After due deliberation, it was agreed that AFG would continue presenting mementos to speakers. However, the Committee will explore the option of reducing the size or cost of the mementos and complementing them with products sourced from charitable organizations supporting specially-abled individuals. The possibility of offering speakers a choice between a traditional memento and an eco-friendly gift for future events was also discussed.

The President concluded that the proposal has merit and should be explored further. Suitable products from charitable organizations will be identified and presented before the Managing Committee for consideration and implementation at future AFG programs.

Dr. Saurabh Dani informed the Managing Committee that the offices of ISPAT and ISAR have been leased out, generating rental income that adequately covers their

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maintenance expenses, as the premises were rarely utilized due to most activities being conducted online.

Drawing a parallel with AFG, he suggested that the Trust Board consider leasing the AFG office if it continues to remain underutilized, rather than allowing the premises to remain vacant.

After a brief discussion, it was decided to place the proposal before the Trust Board for detailed deliberation at its next meeting.

With no other matters to discuss, the meeting was brought to a close with a vote of thanks by **Dr. Jayanti Kamat**, Hon. Secretary, who thanked all the members for

The meeting concluded with thanks from all members by Dr. Jayanti Kamat.



Signed approved by:

Date: 13/08/2026

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