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From Stigma to Support Raising Awareness about Bipolar Disorder

Bipolar disorder (BD) is a multidimensional chronic mood disorder that affects about 45 million people worldwide, that is, about 2-3% of the general population and about 0.49-0.51% of the Indian population (National Mental Health Survey 2015-16). It is said to be the sixth leading cause of disability worldwide.

As the name suggests, the mood of people with BD can fluctuate between two 'poles', highs of mania and lows of depression. These are not just 'mood swings', but persistent emotional states that significantly affect the general functioning of the individual.

Symptoms of bipolar disorder to watch for are:

MANIA

- elevated or irritable mood
- increased energy levels
- racing thoughts
- reduced need for sleep
- excessive appetite
- talking a lot or very fast
- hyper-religious behaviour
- high-risk behaviours: overspending, rash driving, substance use
- impulsivity and disinhibition
- Slightly milder form of this is called hypomania

DEPRESSION

- sad mood
- feeling tired or fatigued
- reduced interest in activities once enjoyable before
- disturbed sleep
- loss of appetite
- · difficulty concentrating
- low-energy levels
- reduced social interaction
- low self-esteem
- thoughts of death and despair





Is it treatable?

BD can be managed very well with a comprehensive holistic treatment plan. This includes a detailed evaluation, medical and psychological examination, medications such as mood stabilisers, antipsychotics, and antidepressants, along with psychosocial therapy and support, with regular follow-up. The role of family, society, and healthcare professionals is the key to ensuring a nurturing environment for the individual.

Despite these difficulties, persons with BD can lead well-rounded and fulfilling lives. Many celebrities, including Selena Gomez, Mel Gibson, and Demi Lovato, have spoken openly about living with BD and advocated for it. However, the stigma surrounding BD in society leads to social isolation and delayed help seeking. Breaking these barriers is crucial to promoting acceptance and empowerment for people with BD.

The vision of World Bipolar Day is to raise world awareness to bipolar disorders, to eliminate social stigma and to discrimination, and improve the allocation to research on bipolar disorders.

'What can I do?'

- Educate yourself about warning signs and symptoms : Read, Recognise & Refer
- Be Open: Create a safe listening space, ask respectful questions, and be present.
- Reduce Stigma: Help break down stigmas by promoting a culture of acceptance and understanding

Educate others: share personal experiences, distribute informative articles or posts, engage in conversations about the disorder, participate in support groups and events.

Show your support for organisations that work for mental health causes

Remember that every small action counts, and collective efforts can lead to significant positive change. As we strive for a more compassionate and inclusive society, let us remember that awareness is not a destination, but a journey that requires ongoing effort, education, and compassion to create a brighter future for all.



DR. SHALAKA CHATORIKARSenior Resident, Psychiatry Unit KEM Hospital, Pune





46-year-old Brain Dead cab driver gives a new lease of life to many. Family donates heart, liver, kidneys and corneas

46-year-old cabbie declared brain dead, organ donation helps save four lives

Organs of brain-dead auto driver spine the same of the same

A 46 year old male patient working as a cab driver was declared brain dead at KEM Hospital, Pune on 8 Apr 2025.

By consenting to donate his Heart, Liver, Kidneys and Corneas his family gave a new lease of life to 6 waitlisted organ recipients.

While the heart was sent to a hospital in Mumbai, one kidney was transplanted at KEM Hospital, Pune the other kidney, liver and corneas were transplanted into patients from other hospitals in Pune

Dr.Pradeep D'Costa, Head Intensive Care Unit at KEM Hospital, Pune informed that the cab driver suffered a massive intracranial bleed after which he was brought to KEM Hospital on 2nd Feb 2025 and put on ventilatory support. He was declared brain dead on evening of 8th April 2025. His family consented to organ donation after which his organs were harvested on 9th April and transported via a green corridor.

One of the kidneys was transplanted into a 40-yearold lady software professional suffering from lupus nephritis from KEM Hospital.

The team of doctors involved in harvesting included Dr Bharat Kalambe, General Surgeon, Dr. Yogesh Sovani Andrologist, Dr. Shardul Date, HoD Vascular Surgery, Dr. Shams Iqbal, Urologist, Dr. Valentine Lobo, Nephrologist, HOD Med Social Work Dept & Dialysis & Transplant Coordinator Rohini Sahashrabudhe, Transplant Coordinators Manoj Gadekar and Jasmeet Arora along with Dr. Poonam Deshmukh, Assistant Administrator KEM Hospital and the Nursing team.

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ठिका प्रमाणावर मेंद्रमध्ये फेब्रुवारी 2025 रोजी त्यांना

केईएम हॉरिमटलमध्ये एक मुखीर ल्यूपम नेकापरिस या आजाराने प्रात असलेला ४० वर्षीय महिला शीवटवेशर व्यावशायिकांकर प्रत्यारोतित करण्यात आहे. शतकीच्या करणाच्या डीक्टरांच्या टीमानवे तान्यविकासक हो घरत करावे, श्रीमंत्रिक हो गोनेन सोवनी, वंशक्तुवन सजी विचानाचे प्रमुख डी.साईल दाते. गुवतेषत्त्रा डी.साम इक्बाल, गुवरिड विकार तहा डी.संसीटाईन लोबो,वैद्यकीय सामाजिक कार्यकार्या रेडिम्पी सहस्वकुच्छे प्रशासीसम् समन्द्रवक मनोज गाडेकर प्राणि जस्मित प्रशेस व्यंग्यासह केईस्म हॉर्डिक्टलच्या सहायक प्रशासक ही पूजा

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Celebration of World Parkinson's Day



KEM Hospital, Pune, hosted a special event to mark World Parkinson's Day. Around 100 members of the patient support group raised awareness through dance and singing performances. Patients shared their feelings and narrated lifechanging experiences after joining the support group.



Parkinson's Disease Support Group programme by BKP-PDMDS is carried out through multiple centers in India. In Pune the program is carried out through the patient support groups at KEM Hospital and Deenanath Mangeshkar Hospital. It follows a multidisciplinary module that includes occupational and speech therapy, physiotherapy, laughter therapy, art therapy, music therapy, and movement therapy, along with yoga, meditation, dietary consultations, and awareness sessions by doctors on other neurological disorders associated with aging. These activities are led by trained professionals from BKP–PDMDS.



The programme is free of cost for both individuals and their caregivers.

Dr. Rakesh Shah, Chief Operating Officer of KEM Hospital, Janine Garda, Coordinator and Neuropsychologist of the Department of Neurosciences of KEM Hospital, Dr. Nikita Chhajed, Physiotherapist and Coordinator of KEM and DMH Support Group, and Volunteer Sampada Padhye along with team members from DMH were present on the occasion. Bharati Parekh, wife of NK Parikh and Bijal Thakkar, daughter of BK Parekh also graced the occasion to encourage the participants.







EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Parkinson's is a progressive disorder that affects the nervous system and other parts of the body it controls. Symptoms worsen with age and commonly include body tremors, slowness of movement, loss of physical balance, poor posture, muscle stiffness, changes in speech, and an inability to maintain balance while walking. These symptoms impact not physical movement but also the mental and emotional well-being of patients. In such cases, along with regular medication, support groups play a crucial role. These programmes benefit both patients and their caregivers.

Neurologist Dr. Dhairyashil Saste stated that Parkinson's slows down daily activities and may cause anxiety. However, he emphasised that people should continue their routines without fear.

Applauding the efforts of the patients and the support group, Dr. Rakesh Shah remarked that the patient support group has been an inspiration and guiding force. The annual programme, now in its third year and held on the occasion of Parkinson's Day, reflects the positive energy of the patients, which is inspiring for all. The programme was moderated by Vasumita Desai and Sampada Padhye, with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Nikita Chhajed.













Inauguration of Intensive Care Unit -3

The opening of ICU-3 is not just the addition of another unit—it is a testament to our ongoing commitment to delivering advanced, compassionate, and timely critical care.













Joint Replacement Camp Conducted at KEM Pune

We at KEM hospital, Pune successfully conducted a comprehensive Joint Replacement Camp on 17th, 18th & 19th April'25. It was aimed at providing expert orthopedic consultation, evaluation, and surgical guidance to patients suffering from chronic joint pain and mobility issues. The camp witnessed an enthusiastic response with patients attending from Pune and surrounding regions.

The initiative focused on early diagnosis, timely intervention, and patient education about joint disorders. KEM Hospital Pune, known for its excellence in multispecialty care, continues to take proactive steps toward accessible and compassionate healthcare through such initiatives.

















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Anorectal Camp

KEM Hospital, Pune, conducted an Anorectal Health Camp focused on the diagnosis, treatment, and awareness of common anorectal conditions such as piles, fissures, fistulas etc. The camp was held on 26th April at the hospital premises.

The objective of the camp was to break the taboo, encourage open discussions, and provide expert consultations and early interventions for these oftenneglected conditions. Patients received comprehensive evaluations, including physical examinations and necessary diagnostic investigations, followed by personalized treatment advice.

KEM Hospital remains committed to providing affordable, evidence-based, and empathetic care to the community through such health outreach initiatives.















Obesity Camp

In a proactive effort to address the growing concerns surrounding obesity and its related health complications, KEM Hospital, Pune, organised a comprehensive Obesity Camp in the month of April.

KEM Hospital, known for its patient-centered care and excellence in multi-specialty services, continues to lead the way in preventive health initiatives through such impactful patient centric programmes.





Retirement Function

It was held on 30th April'25 for Mrs. Vidya Gokhale (Medical Social Worker)







Heartfelt Gratitude

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to you, Mr. Figuerdo Alphonso, as we honour your selfless act of donating a kidney to your nephew, Felix, 25 years ago.

Your noble gesture of love and sacrifice has not only given Felix a new lease on life but continues to inspire countless others. Over the past 25 years, your unwavering commitment to maintaining regular follow-ups at the Renal OPD reflects your dedication to health, responsibility, and the true spirit of donation.

As we honour you today, we celebrate not only your donation but also the kindness, strength, and dedication you have shown over the years.

Thank you for being a true example of hope and humanity.







I will miss you..

This can be the feeling for somthing or somone you love, cherish the time with, want to meet again and again..

I had this feeling at my last visit @IVF department KEM hospital..

The place where our long awaited dream came true. We became parents to a sweet, little, healthy daughter..

Our story is...

After 10 years of our marriage, both of us nearing 40s. And I was having history of open myomectomy for a large fibroid. We were still seeking to be parents. After trying almost all remedies, we decided to go for IVF. as our last option, last hope!

It's true that ,IVF is a treatment that fulfills your wish of biological parenthood.. However it is highly demanding treatment in every aspect; physicaly,mentally and financially.

Myself, being a doctor had seen many patients gone under IVF treatment. Some of them were lucky to become parents but rest were not. Some of them also suffered with side effects also.

Thus although we were about to choose the IVF option I was obviously prejudiced about the same, more worried about negative aspect than hoping for positive results...

Coincidentaly I got suggestion about Dr. Mugdha Parasnis from one of my colleagues. It turned out that one of her patients had a great success of healthyand safe child birth; after an infertility and complicated pregnancy case..

So we decided to meet Dr.Mugdha madam.First time When we met her ,I asked all my queries regarding IVF and shared all fears about the same.She patiently,camly and confidently answered all of them ..

And then for the first time I started atleast to think positively about IVF and shortly we took a decision to go further. Treatment schedule started @ IVF centre KEM hospital where Dr.Mugdha Parasnis is HOD.

At each and every step of our treatment she consulted us personally. Her calmness and confidence was so comforting.





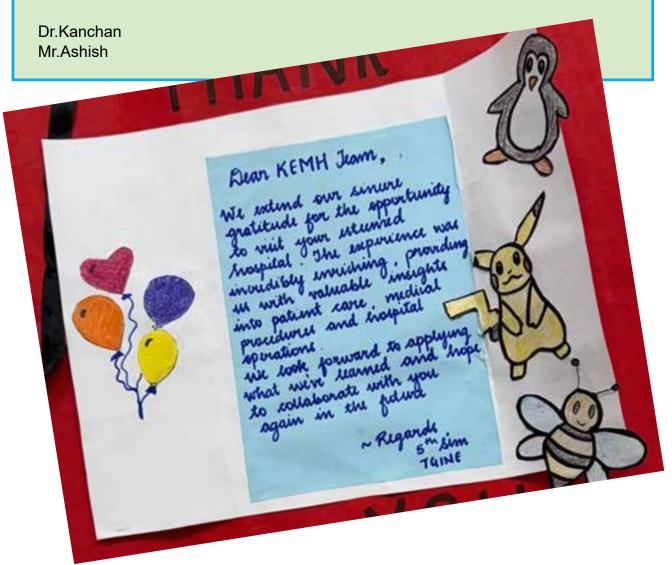
@KEM also we got a very good experience

In terms of patient care and hospitality and this also counts when you are dealing with a very delicate issue like infertility.

And that is how at the end of our treatment journey, Birth of our daughter; we had this feeling that 'I am going to miss these people'.. And today even after almost a year I actually get memories of that time, smiling and ensuring face of Dr.Parasnis..

I personally recommend Ivf centre of KEM department for infertility tretment in all aspects mental support (with good councellar)comparitively cheaper rates, good patient care and last but not the least Dr. Mugdha Parasnis and her team!!

Thank you so much for the treatment, support and positive behavior of all the staff of Kem ivf department especially Dr. Mugdha Parasnis and her team..









पुणे, ता. १ : ऋत् बदलत पडने, खान पेपे ही लक्षणे दिसतात. असताना त्वचेता बदलगाऱ्या तापगानाशी जुळवून भ्यायता वेळ लगतो. जशी उन्हाळ्याची सुख्वात होते, तसतसे तीव उष्णतेपुळे त्यना व होळ्यांवर त्याचा व ढळ्जावर त्याचा वेगवेगळ्या प्रकारे 🖁 ्रवार्थ होते म त्वर्थने उन्हायाम् संस्था कारणासारो योग्य तो रकता प्रमायस्य १९४ च्यायला हवी, असा सल्ला त्वचा व नेत्रतन्वांनी दिला.

उन्हाळ्यात शरीयतील पाणी बमी होते, त्याने तक्या कोरडी होगे, चेगा

या ऋतूमध्ये सोरायसिस आणि इसव यांसारस्य त्वचेच्या समस्याही बाद् शकतात. अतिरुप्यतेमुळे थाम साचल्याने काखेत, व्रातीच्या खाली, जांधेमध्ये जात्सासर्ग होत शक्तो. उन्हात फिस्प काम करणाऱ्या व्यक्तींमध्ये सूर्यकित्यांचा विपरीत परिणाम अधि त्ववा काळवंडणे असे दुष्परिणाम रोक शकतात. नववात बालकांना

 स्वंप्रकाशाच्या हानिकारक प्रभावापासून संरक्षण करण्यासाठी निवमितपणे सनस्क्रीन लावणे सूर्विकरणांपासून बचाव करणारा कोट, टोपी आणि गाँगल पालावा आंघोळीनंतर मॉड्ड्यरायझरचा वापर केल्याने कोरहेपणा दूर शोशो

 उन्हाळ्यात जीन्स, घट्ट कपडे पालणे राळावे

२०-२०-२० चा नियम पाळा

बन्हामुळे डोळ्यांत कोरडेपणा वेतो. त्यासाठी २०-२०-२० चा नियम वापना. संगणक २० मिनिटे पाहिल्यानंतर २० सेकंदांसाठी होळे वंद करा आणि त्यानंतर २० सेकंदांसाठी खिहकीतून द्र अंतरावर असणाऱ्या गोष्टी पाहर. त्यामुळे डोळ्यांच्या स्नायूना आराम मिळतो, असा सल्ला नेत्रतन्त्रांनी दिला.

 इस्रोज आठ महास पाणी प्या व्यवसाहेर जालाना टोपी व चांगला गाँगल बापरा, डोळे बोळणे टाळा डोळे कोग्डे पडत असल्याम्

त्वचा अन् डोळ्यांची उन्हाळ्यात घ्या दक्षता उन्हाळ्यात जिवाणू आणि बुरशीजन्य संसर्ग होण्याची शक्यता जास्त असते. त्वचारोग तज्ज्ञांचा सल्ला घेतल्यानंतरच औष्ठधे घ्यावीत. प्रतिबंधासाठी सेल, सुती, फिकट रंगाचे कपडे घालावेत. - डॉ. धनश्री भिडे, त्ववारोग विकित्सा विभागप्रमुख, केईएम रुगणाल्य वादते तापमान, प्रदूषण, धूळ, कोरडी हवा आणि इतर पर्यावरणीय घटकांचा आपत्या डोळ्यांवर थेट परिणाम होत आहे. अश्रू ग्रंथी घातल्याने तीव्र खाज सुरणे किया > पान १ वरून घामोळ्या येऊ शकतात. समुद्रकिनारी डोळ्यांच्या पृष्ठमागावर समान पद्धतीने पसरहेत्या असतात. या ग्रंथी प्रमावित पर्यटनासाठी गेल्यावर जास्त उन्हात होतात, तेव्हा अश्रूंचा समान प्रसार होण्यास अडथळा येतो. ज्यामुळे डोळ्यांत पोहल्यास त्ववंचा कोरहेपणा वाहतो, चटके (सनवर्न) बसण्याची शक्यता - डॉ. सुवेता कुलकर्णी, वैद्यकीय संवालक, एव, तहीं, देसाई नेत्र रूणालय, पुणे कोरहेपणा, खाज सुटणे, जळनळ आणि धकवा जाणवतो. वाढते. त्यामुळे नागरिकांनी काळजी घेणे आवश्यक आहे.



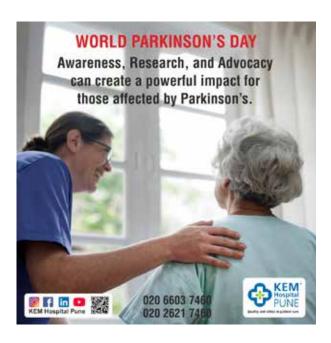




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