

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

IMA Chennai Kodambakkam Branch,

Date: 30 May 2026

Mode: Virtual Meeting

1. Attendance

The meeting was attended by 16 members:

Dr. Nirmala Ponnambalam, Dr. M. I. Shahul Hameed, Dr. K. Selvam, Dr. R. Ezhilarasan, Dr. S. Vamsi Krishna, Dr. S. Indra, Dr. R. Muthiah, Dr. Sandeep, Dr. K. Subramanian, Dr. Soundappan, Dr. Muthamperumal, Dr. Shanthi, Dr. P. Umapathy, Dr. Mohanraj, and Dr. S. Vijay Alagappan.

2. Call to Order

In the absence of the President and Vice President, the Secretary called the meeting to order. Dr. Sandeep recited the IMA prayer.

3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

The Communication Secretary Dr. Muthia read the Minutes of the Previous Meeting, which were accepted and approved.

4. Financial Statement

The Honorary Treasurer Dr. Vamsi presented the financial statement. It was approved with minor corrections. It was suggested that SCM expenses be recorded with the doctor's name, not merely as "name alone."

5. Secretary's Report

The Secretary reported the following:

- The free medical check-up camp was utilized by approximately 80 doctors of the branch.**
- The essay competition was conducted successfully, and prizes were equally divided among four winners.**
- The Badminton and Chess competitions were organized by the Sports Committee, and prizes were distributed.**
- A proposal for free yoga classes exclusively for members was initiated, and the classes will start on 14/6/26.**
- Website development: An advance payment of ₹25,000 was made to Seyasoft Web Developers, and a prototype was received. Dr. Subramanian and Dr. Ezhilarasan were requested to oversee the progress and development of the website.**
- Society registration: All required documents have been submitted to the service provider, and the process has commenced. It was suggested that expenses other than government fees be recorded as "service charges" with receipts.**
- SCM update: The proposed change of the branch name from "Madras Kodambakkam Branch" to "IMA Chennai Kodambakkam Branch," along with the adoption of the branch bylaws, has been included in the agenda for the SCM scheduled on 14 June 2026. All State Council members were requested to attend.**
- CME update: The Endowment Oration was made a non-sponsored program, as suggested by Dr. Ezhilarasan in the previous meeting.**
- IMACK, the branch newsletter, has been successfully launched. Five issues have been released on the 15th of each month.**

- The inclusion of a quiz program has been well received by members.
- The “Nalam Nalam Ariya Aval” program was initiated but could not progress further as senior members were reluctant to host visits to their homes.
- Doctors transferring into the branch were provided a single application form, which was forwarded to the State Branch and Headquarters for updating membership records.
- A total of 27 new members joined the branch from January 2026 to date.

6. Marathon Accounts

Dr. Sandeep presented the marathon accounts. They were approved after discussion on the increased expenditure, which Dr. Sandeep attributed to the invitation extended to the Deputy Chief Minister. It was suggested that supporting receipts for the expenses be produced.

7. Member Registry

The members’ master list, currently being compiled by the association, reflects only 364 updated members. It was resolved to renew efforts to increase the member list. Dr. Subramanian and Dr. Muthiah were tasked to collaborate and compile the data for an updated list.

8. GST Implications

It was decided to inquire into the GST implications for the association. The IMA auditor is to be consulted to determine whether GST applies, given the income generated through sponsorships.

9. Doctors' Day Award Recommendations

The following members were recommended for the Doctors' Day Award: Dr. Sheela, Dr. Manorama, Dr. Muthamperumal, and Dr. Mohanraj.

10. Doctors' Day CME

The Secretary is to report on the feasibility of conducting either a full-day or partial CME, and whether it should be held at the same or a different venue.

11. Doctors' Welfare Fund

Dr. Subramanian proposed the creation of a separate fund for doctors' welfare; with a fixed deposit whose interest would be utilized for welfare activities. The Secretary clarified that expenses for any new welfare initiative for members can be met from the existing account with Executive Committee approval. The matter was deferred to the next meeting, post society registration.

12. Branch Building Proposal

A proposal for an IMA Kodambakkam Branch building, submitted by Dr. Bhupathy in his absence, was discussed and postponed to the next meeting.

13. Official Communication Group

A proposal by Dr. Selvam to create a separate group for official announcements was accepted. Dr. Subramanian was assigned to conduct a feasibility study.

14. Bifurcation of North Zone

A resolution for the bifurcation of the North Zone, proposed by Dr. Selvam, was taken up. Dr. Selvam was requested to prepare a draft for Executive Committee approval.

15. Vote of Thanks

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Dr. Vamsi Krishna.