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LEADERSHIP MESSAGE



PROF. M SRINIVAS
Director, AIIMS New Delhi

Dear AIIMS Family,

It is with immense pride and deep gratitude that I present the inaugural edition of **The AIIMS Newsletter.** This publication is more than a bulletin; it is a celebration of every life we have touched, every discovery we have made, and every student we have shaped.

The year 2025 has been extraordinary for AIIMS New Delhi. We retained the **#1 NIRF ranking in Medicine for the eighth consecutive year** — a testament not to one department, but to every faculty member, resident, nurse, student, and staff member who gives their best each day.

This year, we celebrated two convocations, the 70th Foundation Day and 4th Research Day, launched India's first DNA identification database, performed robot-assisted kidney transplants using Da Vinci Xi, developed AI diagnostics for diabetic retinopathy, received top recognition at the DHR–ICMR Health Research Excellence Summit, and sent our faculty to teach on five continents. Our researchers secured approximately ₹280 crore in research grants, published in high-impact journals, and filed patents that will shape healthcare tomorrow.

To our students and residents — your prizes, fellowships, and published research fill these pages with inspiration. To our nursing colleagues, your reach into communities and international partnerships reminds us that care knows no boundary.

This newsletter belongs to all of you. I hope it serves as a mirror of our collective excellence and a torch for the year ahead.

With pride and purpose,

Prof. M Srinivas
Director, AIIMS New Delhi

INSTITUTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Excellence documented, leadership sustained — milestones that defined AIIMS in 2025



ALMOST A DECADE OF #1 - 2018–2025





2025 Milestones at a Glance

Mar & Oct
Two convocations in one year
Establishing a biannual framework.

Sep
Robot-assisted kidney transplants
Leveraging the Da Vinci Xi surgical system.

Sep 25
70th Foundation Day celebrated
Featuring the Golden Jubilee Oration.

Nov
DHR-ICMR Health Research Excellence Summit
Earning top recognition.

Nov 14
MadhuNetAI launched
Pioneering AI diabetic retinopathy screening.

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#1 IN INDIA

NIRF MEDICAL RANKINGS 2025

For the 8th Consecutive Year • Announced September 2025



AIIMS New Delhi continues its leadership, retaining the #1 position in NIRF rankings for eight consecutive years, with the 2025 awards presented on 4th September at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, across both medical and dental categories





INSTITUTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Convocation Chronicles — 49th & 50th Convocation 2025

2223	15	29	67	2
Degrees Awarded	Life Achievement Awards	Medals	Book Prizes	Ceremonies in One Year

AIIMS New Delhi marked a milestone by conducting two convocation ceremonies in a single year under its newly introduced biannual framework. The Academic Section served as the nodal coordinating authority for all academic, administrative, and ceremonial arrangements. Both were held outside the AIIMS premises at landmark national venues

49th Convocation

March 21, 2025 • 1897 Degrees

Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan

Chief Guest: **Smt. Droupadi Murmu**, **Hon'ble President of India**



50th Convocation

October 25, 2025 • 326 Degrees

Zorawar Auditorium, Manekshaw Centre

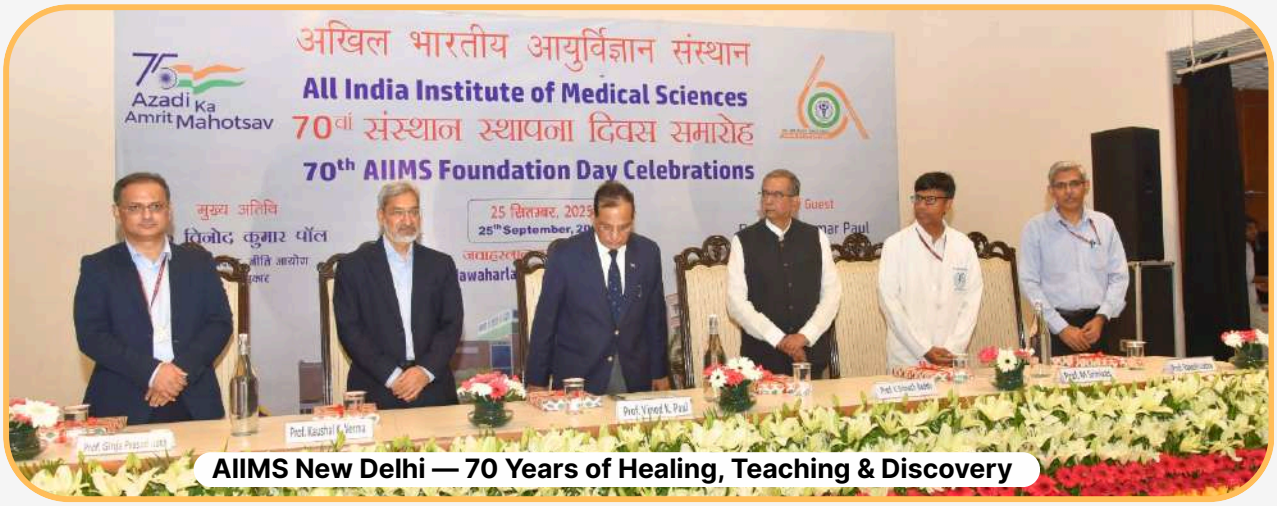
Chief Guest: **Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda, Hon'ble Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare and Minister of Chemicals & Fertilizers, GoI & President, AIIMS**



A historic shift towards a biannual academic framework

INSTITUTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

70th Foundation Day — September 25, 2025



AIIMS New Delhi — 70 Years of Healing, Teaching & Discovery

The Golden Jubilee Oration

The 70th Foundation Day was celebrated with academic and institutional significance. The **AIIMS Golden Jubilee Oration** was delivered by **Prof. K. Srinath Reddy**, Founder President of PHFI and Former Head of Cardiology, AIIMS.

Presided by **Prof. Vinod K. Paul**, *Hon'ble Member, NITI Aayog*.

The three-day exhibition on **"Healthy Lifestyle — एम्स का संदेश"** was organised by CMETi and the Media Cell.

Delivered by	Presided by	Theme:
Prof. K. Srinath Reddy	Prof. V. K. Paul	Healthy Lifestyle – एम्स का संदेश







Jubilee Orator
Prof. K. Srinath Reddy

INSTITUTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Milestones that defined AIIMS in 2025

AIIMS New Delhi secured the National **Gold Prize** for Overall Performance (Extramural Institute) at the prestigious **DHR–ICMR Health Research Excellence Summit 2025**, recognising its outstanding contributions to national health research.



CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE

This certificate is presented to

ALL INDIA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES (AIIMS) NEW DELHI

under category **Institutional Excellence Recognition: Extramural Institute: Overall PE**

GOLD

during the 2nd DHR-ICMR Health Research Excellence Summit 2025

13-14 NOVEMBER 2025

Dr. Rajiv Bahl
Secretary to Government of India,
Department of Health Research
and Director General, ICMR



Recognising outstanding contribution to national health research

INSTITUTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Milestones that defined AIIMS in 2025

At THE WEEK **Health Summit 2025**, AIIMS New Delhi was honoured for excellence in healthcare and research, reinforcing its leadership at the national level. **Director**, **Dr. M Srinivas**, joined **Hon'ble Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, Smt. Anupriya Patel** and industry pioneers to chart a course for a "Viksit Bharat" through medical excellence.



Director:
Dr. M.Srinivas

Chief Guest:
Smt. Anupriya Patel

Vision:
Viksit Bharat
through medical excellence

CLINICAL EXCELLENCE

Outstanding patient care, landmark procedures & clinical milestones — AIIMS 2025



3M+	40+	2500+	24/7
OPD Patients Annually	Speciality Departments	Beds	Emergency & Trauma

ROBOTIC TRANSPLANT SURGERY — A LANDMARK MILESTONE

September 2025 • Department of Surgical Disciplines

AIIMS New Delhi successfully performed a series of **robot-assisted kidney transplants using the Da Vinci Xi surgical system,** reflecting the institute's growing expertise in minimally invasive surgery and its commitment to integrating cutting-edge technology into complex clinical care.

- Minimally invasive approach, reduced complications, faster recovery
- Da Vinci Xi: precision robotic system enabling complex transplant procedures
- Positions AIIMS at the forefront of robotic transplant programmes in India





TURNING THE TIDE IN CHILDHOOD CANCER

AIIMS New Delhi has achieved a remarkable 75–80% survival rate in childhood cancers, reflecting significant progress in pediatric oncology. With advanced treatment protocols and multidisciplinary care, the institute continues to improve outcomes and offer hope to young patients across the country. Prof. Rachna Seth and her team spearhead this achievement.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE





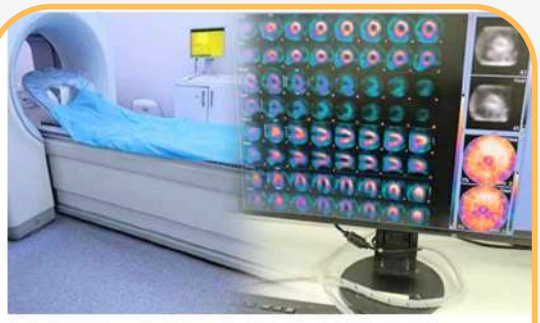
Hands-on cadaveric workshops for various surgical specialties were conducted at the cadaver skill lab, JPNATC, and the Department of Anatomy, AIIMS New Delhi.





RESEARCH & INNOVATION





Stress Test with a Difference: How AIIMS' MPI Scan is Taking the Guesswork Out of Heart Pain

By Rohit Shishodia • September 26, 2025 • Latest

AIIMS Introduces advanced MPI stress test, enhancing accuracy in heart disease diagnosis

AIIMS & IIT Delhi begin clinical trials of bioengineered corneas

NEW DELHI: In a landmark development for ophthalmology and biomedical engineering, the All India Institute of Medical Sciences and the IIT Delhi have jointly commenced clinical trials of bioengineered corneas. The initiative holds promise for addressing India's acute shortage of donor corneas and restoring vision to thousands suffering from corneal blindness.

India records an estimated 1.2 million cases of corneal blindness annually, yet donor availability continues to lag far behind demand. Experts note that the country requires nearly two lakh corneal transplants each year, while only about 25,000 are performed due to the paucity of donors. The bioengineered cornea, developed through cutting-edge tissue engineering techniques, could significantly bridge this gap by offering a reliable, scalable, and biocompatible alternative to natural donor tissue. MPOST

AIIMS–IIT Delhi launch clinical trials of bioengineered corneas to tackle vision loss

FACULTY AND STAFF



Global Recognition in Autism Research



Dr. Sheffali Gulati, Professor, Department of Pediatrics, has been elected **Fellow of the International Society for Autism Research (INSAR), 2025** — a prestigious honour recognising her contributions to advancing autism research and child health.



International Award in Nuclear Medicine

Dr. Shamim Ahmed Shamim, Professor, Department of Nuclear Medicine, has been awarded the **Bronze Prize of the Hisada Prize 2025** by the **Japanese Society of Nuclear Medicine**, recognising excellence in nuclear imaging research

International Best Paper Award



Dr. Neeta Singh, Professor, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, received the **Medical Education Consortium Award for Best Scientific Paper** at the **37th Annual Conference of the Society of Laparoscopic & Robotic Surgeons,** Florida, USA.

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Leadership in Ophthalmology

Dr. Namrata Sharma, Professor of Ophthalmology, has been **inducted as President of the Eye Bank Association of India (EBAI)** and has received two distinguished recognitions:

- **Inaugural Madhya Pradesh State Ophthalmic Society Oration Award** – Gwalior
- **IS Jain Oration Award –** Chandigarh Ophthalmological Society

Professional Leadership Role

Dr. Amarinder Singh Malhi has been elected Vice-President of the Indian Society of Vascular and Interventional Radiology (ISVIR), Delhi-NCR Chapter.

National Award in Rheumatology Research

Dr. Ranjan Gupta, Additional Professor, Rheumatology, won the **First Prize (Basic Sciences – Oral Presentation)** at the Annual Meeting of the **Indian Rheumatology Association.**

STUDENT CORNER

Awards and Achievements



Celebrating excellence beyond classrooms, our students continue to shine in academics, research, and extracurricular arenas

Quiz Competitions

Dr. Chirag Singla (Geriatric Medicine) secured 1st position in Quiz Competition at GERJCON 2025 (organized by Indian Association of Geriatric Medicine) (Nov 2025).

Dr. Ravneet Singh (Psychiatry) secured 1st Prize (Addicon Quiz) at ADDICON 2025 organized by the Addiction Psychiatry Society of India (Oct 2025).

Dr. Hardik (Psychiatry) secured 1st Prize in National Psychiatry Quiz at Man Mahotsav (VMMC & Safdarjung Hospital) and 1st Prize in Psycho-Gerontology Quiz at the National Conference on Psycho-Gerontology.

Dr. Shaurya (Psychiatry) secured 1st Prize in National Psychiatry Quiz at Man Mahotsav (VMMC & Safdarjung Hospital) and 1st Prize in Psycho-Gerontology Quiz at the National Conference on Psycho-Gerontology.

Dr. Anvi Gupta, D**r. Anirudh Kansal** & **Dr. Harsha Mittal** (Anaesthesiology) secured 1st Prize (Poster) and 2nd Prize (Quiz) at departmental/national academic competitions.

Dr. Hema (Psychiatry) was Runner-up in Quiz at IASP Conference, 2025 and Quiz at GeriPsych Conference 2025.

Dr Omar (Psychiatry) received recognitions, including 2nd Prize (IASP Quiz, Chandigarh) and 2nd Prize (GeriPsych Quiz, New Delhi, Dec 2025).

STUDENT CORNER

Awards and Achievements

Poster and Paper Presentations

- **Mr. Blessed Raj** (Biochemistry) won the Top Bariatric Surgery Poster Award at Obesity Week 2025 organized by The Obesity Society, USA.
- **Mr. Pankaj Keshari** (Biochemistry) won a Poster Presentation Award at the 10th Annual Cell & Gene Therapy Symposium, CMC Vellore (Oct 2025).
- **Ms. Ayesha** (Biochemistry) secured 1st Prize in Poster at VIROCON 2025
- **Dr. Aumkar Shah** (Anaesthesiology) secured 1st Prize in Poster Presentation at a national conference.
- **Ms. Kriti Negi** (Biotech) won Best Poster Award at ICRB-IHD 2025, Kolkata and **Mr. Maqsood Ali** (Biotech) at NBRCOM 2025, JNVU Jodhpur.
- **Ms. Dibyani Nanda** (Biotech) secured 2nd Prize in Poster at the International Conference organized by The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda (Dec 2025).
- **Dr. Suhasini Sil** (Transfusion Medicine) received 2nd Prize in Poster at TRANSCON 2025 organized by ISBTI, Gurugram (Sept 2025).
- **Dr. Sudeep** (Geriatric Medicine) received a Poster Presentation Award at GERJCON 2025 organized by the Indian Association of Geriatric Medicine.
- **Dr. Harsha Gautam** (Anaesthesiology) secured 2nd Prize in Paper Presentation at a national conference.
- **Dr. Anjali Panday** (Anaesthesiology) secured 1st Prize in Paper Presentation at a national conference.



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Fellowships & Travel Grants

- **Tapas Kumar Roy** (RP Centre) received multiple prestigious travel grants including ICMR, DBT-CTEP, NRF, and AIIMS Endowment Fund to attend AAPS 2025 and EVER Congress (Oct–Nov 2025).
- **Sudipto Das** (RP Centre) received the ICMR-DHR International Travel Award for ICIEM 2025, Kyoto, Japan (Sept 2025).
- **Dr. Aryabhatta Sadhu** (Transfusion Medicine) received the Harold Gunson Fellowship at Blood-ISBT 2025 organized by ISBT along with AIIMS Travel Fellowship (Oct 2025).
- **Dr. Mahendran** (Transfusion Medicine) received the Travel Fellowship Award at AATM 2025 organized by Asian Association of Transfusion Medicine, Mumbai (Nov 2025).

Extracurricular Competitions

- **Dr. Hema** (Psychiatry) was Runner-up in Photography Competition at AIIMS Fest
- **Ms. Sujata Saloni** (Biotech) secured 2nd Prize in Poetry and Photography at World Mental Health Day 2025 organized by Dept. of Psychiatry, AIIMS New Delhi.
- **Dr. Pooja**, **Dr. Aniket** & **Dr. Namrashree** (RP Centre) secured 1st Prize at Eye Spy Champions League, Cataract Conference 2025, New Delhi.
- **Dr. Keerthana**, **Dr. Pooja** & **Dr. Aniket** (RP Centre) secured 3rd Prize at YOSI IROCK organized by YOSI, concluded at YOSICon.
- **Dr. Omar** (Psychiatry) received 3rd Prize (Reel Competition) at World Patient Safety Day organized by Dept. of Hospital Administration, AIIMS New Delhi





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Pulse 2025

PULSE, the biggest Medical Festival in Southeast Asia conducted its 51st Edition from September 17th to 21st, with medicos from across the country taking part in multiple events and commencing in Star Nights, Fashion Nights, and DJ nights!

Concert Night

The Concert Night, held on 13th September 2025 at the JLN Auditorium, featured two music bands from AIIMS, New Delhi—Code Blue and Algorhythm—along with Infinities. The star-studded Infinities band stole the show, enchanting the audience with their talent and delivering an unforgettable night of music and fun.



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Residents' Basketball League

Residents' Basketball League (RBBL) was conducted from 11th to 16th of October witnessing participants from across the AIIMS Fraternity coming together in a clash for the best, which kept the Adrenaline high and the Hearts Hoping.

Residents' Cricket League

Residents' Cricket League (RCL) and Pink RCL was conducted by RDA for the residents from 24th Oct to 6th November 2026, with 16 Teams competing for the trophy in a 2 weeklong competition. With over 100 residents and students the event was a grand success with every game ending in a real thriller.



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Residents' Football League (RFL)





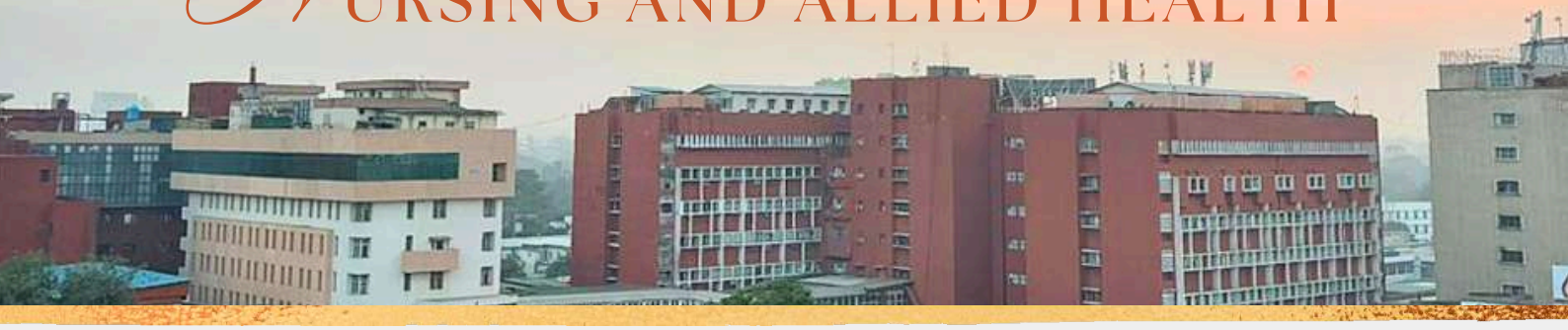
Oracle Literary Festival

Oracle', the novel literary festival at AIIMS New Delhi, celebrated creativity, collaboration, and the human side of medicine. Organized by the literary societies of eight leading medical colleges, the event was held from 16th to 18th January 2026





NURSING AND ALLIED HEALTH



Highlights were milestones like launch of a five-year Novo Nordisk Foundation (NNF)-funded Centre of Excellence for Health Professions Education as well as expansion of digital learning initiatives through partnerships with Google and the SAKSHAM e-learning platforms.



Faculty participation in the PEP Symposium at the University of Copenhagen, Denmark as part of the Novo Nordisk Foundation (NNF)-funded Centre of Excellence for Health Professions Education project.

The College of Nursing, AIIMS New Delhi, Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Google inauguration on You Tube Impact Summit 2025



Delegation at the PhD/Postdoc Conference 2025 and the Global Health Norway Conference, as part of The Indo–Norwegian Surgical Capacity Building Initiative



NURSING AND ALLIED HEALTH

The college also played a pivotal role in upskilling nursing professionals through programmes such as the ECHO-based cervical and breast cancer training, education programmes promoting a Zero Harm culture.



Beyond Numbers: Qualitative Research Techniques for Nurses workshop



Building a Culture of Safety in Oncology Care, Zero Harm education program



Building a Culture of Safety in Oncology Care, Zero Harm education program



Workshop on Oral Cancer Screening on National Cancer Awareness Day



Trauma-Informed Care: Fostering Trust and Safety education program
Community outreach activities, including CPR Awareness Week, women's health initiatives, mental health and disability awareness programmes, and tobacco cessation services, reinforced the College's commitment to public health advocacy.

NURSING AND ALLIED HEALTH

Extracurricular Activities

Students of the College of Nursing participated in SNA State-Level Competitions held on 13 September 2025, with three students representing the institution. Two students secured first positions in Shot Put and Essay Writing, qualifying for the National-Level SNA Competitions held at Pune from 20–22 November 2025, where they represented the College with distinction.





Sports Day at the College of Nursing, 14 November 2025

COMMUNITY OUTREACH









AIIMS delegation in Punjab floods



JPNA Trauma Centre Marks Poshan Maah with a Call for Smarter Eating Habits

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Winter Cloth Donation

RDA AIIMS New Delhi led a heartfelt winter outreach, distributing 20–25 large boxes of clothing to shelters and roadside communities—reaching over 600 individuals across two major shelters near TC and many more—turning collective compassion into warmth, dignity, and hope.



WELLNESS & CAMPUS LIFE



A soulful celebration of music and spirituality, the Satguru Jagjit Singh Sangeet Samadhan (23–24 Nov 2025), organised by FAIMS, brought together legendary artists and the AIIMS community in a harmonious campus experience.





WELLNESS & CAMPUS LIFE

Deepotsav Celebrations

Deepotsav 2025, was celebrated on 20th October at the BB Court with great enthusiasm, bringing together residents for an evening filled with lights, joy, and togetherness.







WELLNESS & CAMPUS LIFE

Rangtali Celebrations

"**Rangtali**" Ras **Garba Night** was organized on 27th September 2025 at the Basketball Court, featuring a **Maha Aarti** of **Goddess Navdurga** with **108 diyas,** followed by **Maha Prasad**. distribution and vibrant Garba and Dandiya performances.



27th September '25
Basketball Court



WELLNESS & CAMPUS LIFE

Literary Fest

The **Literary Fest** comprised Residents competing in Story Writing, Poetry, Quiz and Extempore, which was judged by Prof. Ritu Sehgal, Anatomy in the presence of Hon'ble Director.



WELLNESS & CAMPUS LIFE

Christmas Celebrations

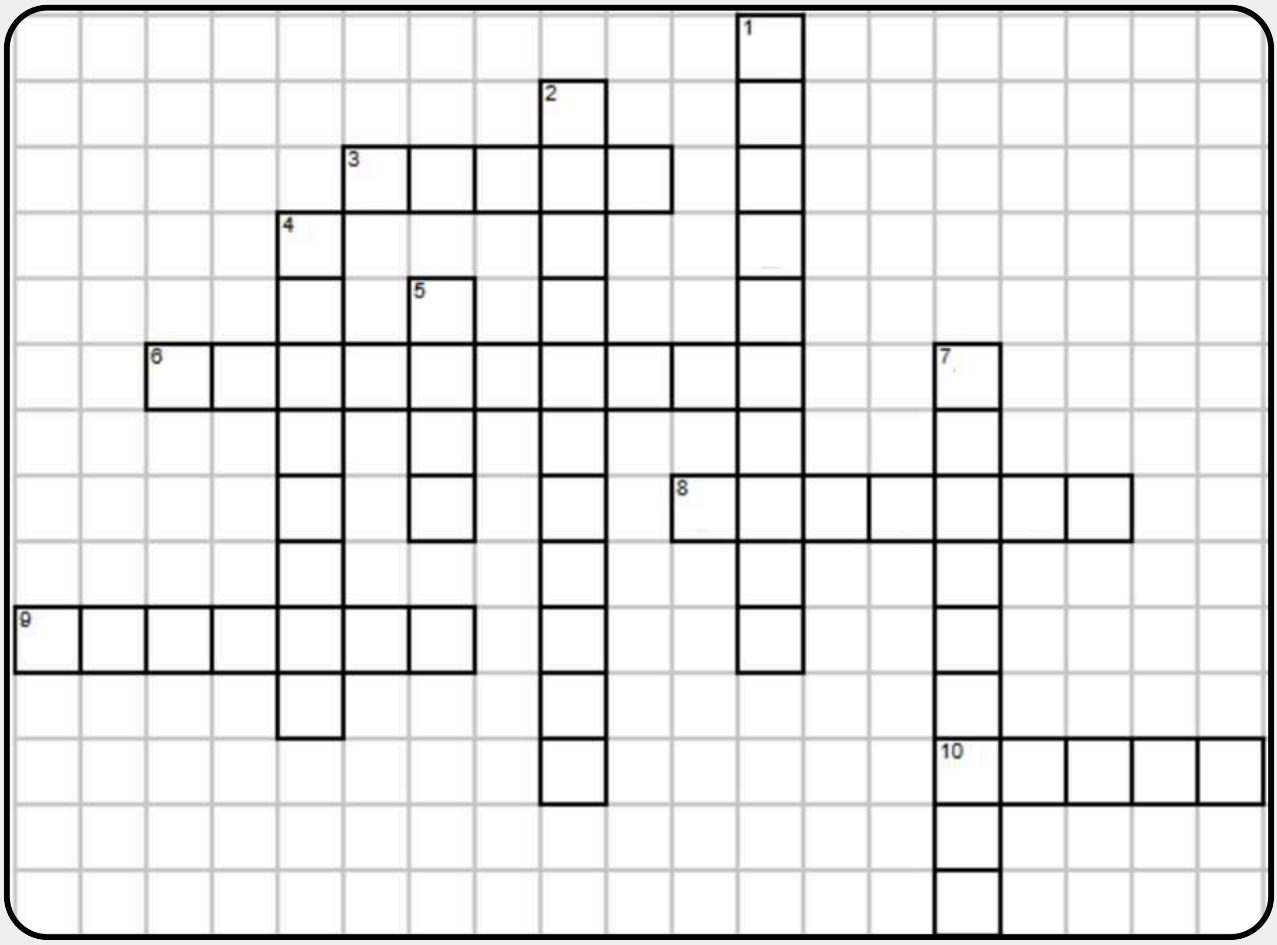
The **Christmas Celebration** held on 18th December at JLN Auditorium, AIIMS Delhi, brought residents together for an evening filled with festive joy, music, and warmth. The event beautifully captured the spirit of Christmas, creating memorable moments of togetherness and celebration.







BRAINTEASERS



Across

3. Committee that recommended the establishment of a National Medical Center in 1946 (5)
6. Holiday home in Shimla gifted by Rajkumar Amrit Kaur to AIIMS (10)
8. India's first robotic-assisted kidney transplant in a public sector hospital used which system (2,5)
9. Hostel 7, derived from ancient pioneers in medicine (7)
10. The Yojana launched in 2003 which led to the establishment of new AIIMS institutes across the country (5)

Down

1. The foundation stone was laid with a generous grant from which country under the Colombo Plan (3,7)
2. Team involved in the MEDICAL MIRACLES: The Separation of "Twin J" and "Twin B" (11)
4. Original language of Institute's guiding principles which translates into "The body is indeed the primary instrument of dharma" (8)
5. Nodal facility for cadaver organ and tissue donation at AIIMS New Delhi (4)
7. Surgeon who led the team in performing India's first successful heart transplant (9)

PHOTOGALLERY



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PHOTOGALLERY











BRAINTEASERS

Crossword Answers

Across

3. Bhore

6. Manorville

8. Da Vinci

9. Ashwini

10. PMSSY

Down

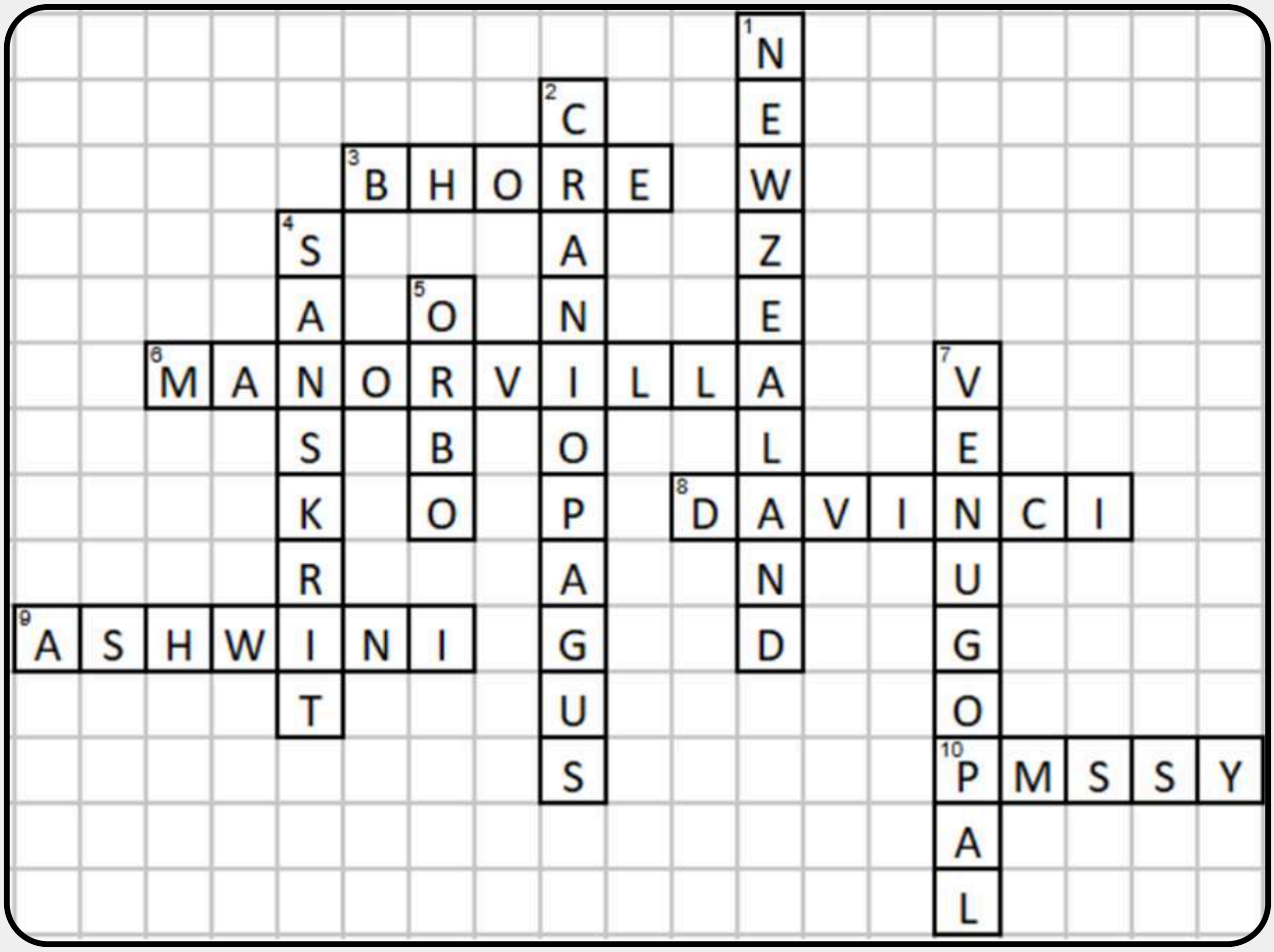
1. New Zealand

2. Craniopagus

4. Sanskrit

5. ORBO

7. Venugopal



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