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| 1                         | <b>DIAGNOSTIC APPROACHES IN CLINICAL PARASITOLOGY: FROM MICROSCOPY TO SEQUENCING</b> | <b>Dr. Harshvardhan Sheorey</b><br>Consultant Medical Microbiologist<br>St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne &<br>Royal Melbourne Hospital,<br>Australia | <p><b>Dr. Abhishek Mewara</b><br/>Additional Professor,<br/>Department of Medical Parasitology,<br/>Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh</p> <p><b>Dr. Sitara Swarna Rao A.</b><br/>Professor,<br/>Wellcome Trust Research Laboratory, Christian Medical College (CMC), Vellore</p> <p><b>Dr. Rimjhim Kanaujia</b><br/>Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology<br/>Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh</p> <p><b>Dr. Malathi Manuel</b><br/>Senior Demonstrator,<br/>Wellcome Trust Research Laboratory,<br/>Christian Medical College, Vellore</p> <p><b>Dr. Taruna Kaura</b><br/>Scientist B, Department of Medical Parasitology, PGIMER, Chandigarh, India</p> <p><b>Ms. Urvashi Rahi</b><br/>PhD student, Department of Medical Parasitology, PGIMER, Chandigarh, India</p> <p><b>Ms. Selvi Laxmanan</b><br/>Laboratory Supervisor, The Wellcome Trust Research Laboratory, Christian Medical College, Vellore, India</p> <p><b>Ms. Renita Ruth</b><br/>Quality Manager, The Wellcome Trust Research Laboratory, Christian Medical College, Vellore, India</p> |
| 2                         | <b>TRANSFORMING CLINICAL MICROBIOLOGY WITH NEXT-GENERATION SEQUENCING</b>            | <b>Dr. Bharti Malhotra</b><br>Professor, Department of Microbiology, Sawai Mansingh Medical College, Jaipur                                         | <p><b>Dr. Ankit Jain</b><br/>Executive Segment Specialist, Illumina</p> <p><b>Dr. Swati Gautam</b><br/>SMS Medical College, Jaipur</p> <p><b>Dr. Manjunatha B. L.</b><br/>Senior Field Application Scientist, Illumina</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

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|                           |                                                                            |                                                                                                      | <b>Dr. Swapnil Kadamb</b><br>Field Application Scientist, Premas Life Sciences<br><br><b>Dr. T.S Gugapriya</b><br>Professor, Department of Anatomy<br>AIIMS Nagpur                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 3                         | EVALUATING DIAGNOSTIC TESTS PERFORMANCE: CONCEPTS, METHODS AND APPLICATION | <b>Dr. Akkilagunta Sujiv</b><br>Additional Professor, Department of Community Medicine, AIIMS Nagpur | <b>Dr. Pradeep Deshmukh</b><br>Professor & Head, Department. Community Medicine, AIIMS, Nagpur<br><br><b>Dr. Yogesh Bahurupi</b><br>Additional Professor, Department of Community Medicine, AIIMS Nagpur<br><br><b>Dr. Jaya Prasad Tripathy</b><br>Additional Professor, Department of Community Medicine, AIIMS Nagpur<br><br><b>Dr. Rahul Narang</b><br>Professor and Head, Department of Microbiology, AIIMS Bibinagar                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 4                         | INTEGRATED MYCOPATHOLOGY AND NANOPORE SEQUENCING                           | <b>Dr. Karuna Tadepalli</b><br>Professor, Department of Microbiology, AIIMS, Bhopal                  | <b>Dr. Rahul Garg</b><br>Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology, AIIMS Bibinagar<br><br><b>Dr. Gajendra Singh</b><br>Scientist, Department of Microbiology AIIMS Bhopal<br><br><b>Ms. Madhu Panthi</b><br>Laboratory Technician, Department of Microbiology, AIIMS Bhopal                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 5                         | ONE HEALTH APPROACH TO VIRAL THREATS                                       | <b>Dr. Anoop Velayudhan</b><br>Scientist F & Nodal Officer for One Health, ICMR, New Delhi           | <b>Dr. Rima R Sahay</b><br>Scientist D (Medical) and Biosafety Officer<br>Assistant Professor, Faculty of Medical Research- AcSIR, Maximum Containment Facility, ICMR, Pune, India<br><br><b>Dr. Neha Nityadarshini</b><br>Senior Scientific Consultant, National One Health Mission – PMU Team, (ICMR), Headquarters, New Delhi<br><br><b>Dr. Manickam Ponnaiah</b><br>Scientist F (Epidemiology)<br>Professor, Faculty of Medical Research- AcSIR<br>ICMR National Institute of Epidemiology, Chennai, Tamil Nadu<br><br><b>Dr. Arun T. R.</b><br>Scientist C, National Institute One Health, Nagpur |

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| 6                         | <b>OUTBREAK INVESTIGATION: A MICROBIOLOGIST'S TOOLKIT</b>                                                             | <b>Dr. Aruna Poojary</b><br>Laboratory Director & IPC In-charge,<br>Breach Candy Hospital Trust,<br>Mumbai | <p><b>Dr. Jayalakshmi Jayrajan</b><br/>Professor &amp; HOD, Dept. of Microbiology, Kovai Medical College, Coimbatore</p> <p><b>Dr. Rajni Gaind</b><br/>Consultant &amp; Professor VMMC &amp; Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi</p> <p><b>Dr. Sweta Shah</b><br/>Lead Consultant, Microbiology &amp; Infection Control, Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital and Research Institute, Mumbai</p> <p><b>Dr. Ranganathan Iyer</b><br/>Senior Consultant, Rainbow Children's Hospital, Hyderabad</p> <p><b>Dr. Ashwini Tayade</b><br/>Consultant, Infectious Diseases &amp; Director Ishra Health-Infectious Diseases Clinic, Visiting Consultant, Wockhardt Hospital &amp; KIMS Hospital, Nagpur</p> <p><b>Dr. Madhavi Deshmukh</b><br/>Consultant Clinical Microbiologist, Dhruv Diagnostics, Nagpur</p> <p><b>Dr. Nitin Shinde</b><br/>Senior Consultant, Infectious Diseases and Internal Medicine, KIMS Kingsway Hospital, Nagpur</p> |
| 7                         | <b>HANDS-ON WORKSHOP ON ANAEROBIC CULTURE TECHNIQUE &amp; IDENTIFICATION 'BEYOND OXYGEN: CULTURING THE INVISIBLE'</b> | <b>Dr. Shashwati Nema</b><br>Additional Professor,<br>Department of Microbiology<br>AIIMS Bhopal           | <p><b>Dr. Beena Antony</b><br/>Professor, Department of Microbiology, Father Muller Medical College, Mangalore</p> <p><b>Dr. Bhawna Sharma</b><br/>Professor, Department of Microbiology, VMMC &amp; Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi</p> <p><b>Dr. Tanu Sagar</b><br/>Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology, AIIMS, New Delhi</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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| 8  | INTEGRATED APPROACH TO UTI                                                                          | <b>Dr. Sarita Mohapatra</b><br>Professor, Department of Microbiology,<br>AIIMS, New Delhi                                                | <p><b>Dr. Manish Soneja</b><br/>Professor, Department of Medicine, AIIMS, New Delhi</p> <p><b>Dr. Meher Rizvi</b><br/>Professor, Department of Microbiology &amp; Immunology<br/>Sultan Qaboos University Muscat, Oman</p> <p><b>Dr. Shwetha J. V.</b><br/>Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology,<br/>Bengaluru Medical College and Research Institute,<br/>Bengaluru</p> <p><b>Dr. Sneha K. Chunchanur</b><br/>Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology,<br/>Bengaluru Medical College and Research Institute,<br/>Bengaluru</p> <p><b>Dr. Arunkumar Subbiah</b><br/>Associate Professor, Department of Nephrology, AIIMS,<br/>New Delhi</p> |
| 9  | FROM RESEARCH TO PUBLICATION: MASTERING SCIENTIFIC WRITING                                          | <b>Dr. Sangeeta Joshi</b><br>Editor- in-Chief, IJMM, Consultant<br>Microbiologist, Infection control officer,<br>Sahyadri Hospital, Pune | <p><b>Dr. Ranganathan Iyer</b><br/>Sr Consultant, Rainbow Children's Hospital, Hyderabad</p> <p><b>Dr. Jaswinder Kaur Oberoi</b><br/>Sr Consultant, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi</p> <p><b>Surg Vice Admiral Shankar Subramanian</b><br/>Deputy Chief of Integrated Defense Staff (Medical)</p> <p><b>Dr. Shilpi Khanna</b><br/>Managing Editor IJMM<br/>Past: Senior Consultant and Head Clinical Microbiology<br/>and Molecular,<br/>Deputy Head Laboratories,<br/>Maharaja Agrasen Hospital, Punjabi Bagh, New Delhi</p>                                                                                                                               |
| 10 | MYCOLOGY WORKSHOP: "CLINICAL MYCOLOGY: DIAGNOSTICS FROM BASICS, BIOMARKERS TO MOLECULAR APPROACHES" | <b>Dr. Malini R Capoor</b><br>Professor, Department of Microbiology,<br>VMMC & SJH, New Delhi                                            | <p><b>Dr. Dipak Thamke</b><br/>Professor, Department of Microbiology<br/>MGIMS, Sevagram</p> <p><b>Dr. Abhijit M. Bal</b><br/>Consultant Microbiologist,<br/>National Health Service, UK</p> <p><b>Dr. Anup Kumar Ghosh</b><br/>Professor, Department of Microbiology<br/>PGIMER, Chandigarh</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

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|                           |                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                 | <b>Dr. Sheetal Sharma</b><br>Senior Resident, VMMC & SJH, New Delhi<br><br><b>Dr. Vanlalruati</b><br>Resident, VMMC & SJH, New Delhi<br><br><b>Dr. Moumita Chakraborty</b><br>Senior Resident, VMMC & SJH, New Delhi                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 11                        | <b>A PRACTICAL APPROACH TO VIRAL CELL CULTURE ISOLATION TECHNIQUES</b>                                       | <b>Dr. Ishani Bora</b><br>Additional Professor, Virology, PGIMER, Chandigarh                                                                    | <b>Dr. Subhabrata Sarkar</b><br>Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology, PGIMER, Chandigarh<br><br><b>Dr. Vishal Shete</b><br>Associate Professor, Microbiology AIIMS Nagpur<br><br><b>Dr. Bharatendu Singh</b><br>Scientist B, RVRDL<br><br><b>Mrs. Nisha Thakur</b><br>Phd Scholar, Virology                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 12                        | <b>CSSD - TRACELESS TASKFORCE TARGETING MICROBIAL THREATS</b>                                                | <b>Dr. Soumyabrata Nag</b><br>Member Secretary, CSSD<br>Associate Professor, Department of Microbiology, AIIMS, Nagpur                          | <b>Dr. Akshat Vij</b><br>Consultant Microbiologist and Infection Control Officer Medicover Hospital, Hyderabad<br><br><b>Dr. Safaa Muneer Ahmed</b><br>Head of Department, Clinical Microbiology and Hospital Infection Control, Renova Group of Hospitals & Tenet Diagnostics, Hyderabad<br><br><b>Dr. Vijendra Kawle</b><br>Consultant Microbiologist, Rainbow Children's Hospitals, Hyderabad, Telangana<br>Secretary, IAMM TAPC State Chapter<br><br><b>Ms. Neeta Amit Ghugare</b><br>Assistant Manager, HOD, CSSD, Wockhardt Hospital Limited, Mumbai Central<br><br><b>Mr. Shailesh Mehta</b><br>Director, Medovation Inc. |
| 13                        | <b>FROM PROTOCOL TO PRACTICE: CASE BASED DISCUSSIONS WITH MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM IN NEUTROPENIC PATIENTS</b> | <b>Dr. Sonali Mangesh Choudhari</b><br>Senior Consultant Clinical Microbiologist & Infection Control Officer, National Cancer Institute, Nagpur | <b>Dr. Pradeep Mishra</b><br>Head of Department, Internal Medicine and Critical Care, National Cancer Institute, Nagpur                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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|                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <p><b>Dr. Pankaj Dwivedi</b><br/>Head, Paediatric Oncology, National Cancer Institute, Nagpur</p> <p><b>Dr. Aruna Poojary</b><br/>Laboratory Director &amp; IPC In-charge, Breach Candy Hospital Trust, Mumbai</p> <p><b>Dr. Anusha Karunasagar</b><br/>Speciality Doctor- Microbiology<br/>The Princess Alexandra Hospital NHS Trust<br/>Hamstel Road, Harlow, Essex, CM20 1QX</p> <p><b>Dr. Jerestin Watchmaker</b><br/>Consultant Microbiologist, NCI, Nagpur</p> <p><b>Dr. Amol Gulkari</b><br/>Consultant Radiologist, National Cancer Institute, Nagpur</p> <p><b>Dr. Girish Deshpande</b><br/>Senior Physician &amp; Intensivist, National Cancer Institute, Nagpur</p> <p><b>Dr. Ketan Modak</b><br/>Consultant Hematologist and Bone Marrow Transplant Physician, National Cancer Institute, Nagpur</p> <p><b>Dr. Sumedha Mehani</b><br/>Specialty Medical Officer (Clinical Microbiology), National Cancer Institute, Nagpur</p> |
| 14                        | <p><b>NEXT GENERATION SEQUENCING FOR HOSPITAL WASTE WATER SURVEILLANCE: FROM PANDEMIC PREPAREDNESS TO AMR DETECTION</b><br/>(2 DAYS WORKSHOP- 28<sup>TH</sup> AND 29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2026)</p> | <p><b>Dr. Rajesh Karyakarte</b><br/>Professor &amp; Head, Department of Microbiology, Byramjee Jeejeebhoy Government Medical College, Pune</p> <p><b>Dr. Varsha Potdar</b><br/>Scientist 'E' National Institute of Virology, Pune</p> | <p><b>Dr. Mahesh S. Dharne</b><br/>Chief Scientist, CSIR-National Chemical Laboratory, Pune</p> <p><b>Dr. Rashmita Das</b><br/>Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology, BJ Government Medical College, Pune</p> <p><b>Dr. Sushma Yanamandra</b><br/>Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology, BJ Government Medical College, Pune</p> <p><b>Ms. Sai Prashant Joshi</b><br/>Project Associate II, CSIR-National Chemical Laboratory, Pune</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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| 15 | THE RIGHT TEST. THE RIGHT TIME. THE RIGHT THERAPY. (HARNESSING SYNDROMIC DIAGNOSTICS FOR RATIONAL ANTIMICROBIAL USE) | <p><b>Dr. Devjani De</b><br/>Lead - Medical Affairs, Biomerieux India</p>                        | <p><b>Dr. Shahzad Mirza</b><br/>Professor and Head, Department of Microbiology, Dr. D.Y. Patil Medical college and Research Centre, Pune</p> <p><b>Dr. Ashwini Tayade</b><br/>ID Specialist, Nagpur</p> <p><b>Dr. Shikha Dhawan</b><br/>Consultant, Medical Affairs, BMX</p> <p><b>Dr. Archana Chawla</b><br/>Head of Medical Education and Training ASPAC, BMX</p>                                                                                                    |
| 16 | MICROBIOLOGY AUTOMATION & AMR/AMS                                                                                    | <p><b>Dr. Yagnesh Thakar</b><br/>Director, Vishakha Clinical Microbiology Laboratory, Nagpur</p> | <p><b>Dr. Veenu Gupta</b><br/>Professor and Head, Microbiology, DMCH Ludhiana</p> <p><b>Dr. Anuradha Deshmukh</b><br/>Senior Consultant Microbiologist, Kingsway Hospital, Nagpur</p> <p><b>Dr. Pooja Shendre</b><br/>Assistant Professor,<br/>Department of Microbiology, AIIMS Nagpur</p> <p><b>Dr. Swati Bhise Walke</b><br/>Additional Professor, Department of Microbiology, AIIMS, Nagpur</p>                                                                    |

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| 17                        | <b>SMART - AMS: Stewardship through Microbiology, AST, Rapid Diagnostics and Targeted Therapy</b> | <b>Dr. Sumit Rai</b><br>Professor & Head<br>Department of Clinical Microbiology & Infectious Diseases, AIIMS, Mangalagiri             | <b>Dr. Debabrata Dash</b><br>Associate Professor, Department of Clinical Microbiology, AIIMS, Mangalagiri                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 18                        | <b>Tiny Lives, Timely Care: Infection Prevention in the NICU</b>                                  | <b>Dr. Nizamuddin Noordin Damani</b><br>Consultant & Advisor, Public Health Agency, Northern Ireland, UK                              | <b>Dr. Meena R. Mishra</b><br>Professor and Head<br>Department of Microbiology, AIIMS Nagpur<br><br><b>Dr. Neeta Gade</b><br>Additional Professor.<br>Department of Microbiology, AIIMS Nagpur<br><br><b>Dr. Nishant Banait</b><br>Associate Professor,<br>Department of Neonatology, AIIMS Nagpur<br><br><b>Dr. Prachala Rathod</b><br>Associate Professor,<br>Department of Microbiology, AIIMS Nagpur<br><br><b>Dr. Arya Lakshmi Rajan</b><br>SR, Department of Microbiology, AIIMS Nagpur |
| 19                        | <b>HEALTHCARE- ASSOCIATED INFECTION SURVEILLANCE</b>                                              | <b>Dr. Apurba Sankar Sastry</b><br>Professor, Department of Microbiology<br>Hospital Infection Control Incharge<br>JIPMER, Puducherry | <b>Dr. Purva Mathur</b><br>Professor and Head (Microbiology)<br>AIIMS Trauma Centre<br><br><b>Dr. Benedict Vinothini</b><br>HIC Fellow and SR, JIPMER, Puducherry<br><br><b>Dr. Sarumathi D.</b><br>Assistant Professor (Microbiology)<br>AIIMS, Madurai<br><br><b>Dr. Poulami Biswas</b><br>HIC Fellow & Senior Resident<br>JIPMER<br><br><b>Dr. Mythili Praba S.</b><br>Junior Resident, JIPMER                                                                                             |

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29.10.2026 (THURSDAY)

| PRE-CONFERENCE CME I                             | NEW AGE RAPID AST SOLUTIONS AND THEIR PIVOTAL ROLE IN TRANSFORMING DIAGNOSTIC STEWARDSHIP |                                                                                                |
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| Topic                                            | CO-ORDINATORS                                                                             | Speaker                                                                                        |
| <b>FAST-TRACK SEPSIS: THE POWER OF RAPID AST</b> | <b>Dr. Debkishore Gupta</b><br>Director & Head, Medical Affairs, South Asia, Biomerieux   | <b>Dr. Devjani De</b><br>Medical Affairs Lead-India Biomerieux<br>Critical Care Physian, India |
|                                                  |                                                                                           | <b>Dr. Pradeep Sharma</b><br>Senior Consultant in Critical Care, NH Hospital, Raipur           |
|                                                  |                                                                                           | <b>Dr. Cecillia Carvalhaes</b><br>Director, Medical Microbiology, bioMerieux India             |
|                                                  |                                                                                           | <b>Dr. Anup Warriar</b><br>Group Cheif of Medical Services at BMH Care Hospital Ltd. Kochi     |
|                                                  |                                                                                           | <b>Dr. Shrikala Baliga</b><br>Associate Dean, Kasturba Medical College, Manipal, Mangalore     |
|                                                  |                                                                                           | <b>Dr. Stefan Weber</b><br>Director Medical Operations, Union 71, (UAE)                        |

| PRE-CONFERENCE CME II                                                                                          | LEARNING CLINICAL MICROBIOLOGY BY CASES: PEARLS & PITFALLS IN RESPIRATORY INFECTIONS                   |                                                                                                                                    |
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| Topic                                                                                                          | Coordinator                                                                                            | Speakers                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Approach to Management of Respiratory Infections and Bloodstream Infections- Learning by Clinical Cases</b> | <b>Dr. Ranganathan Iyer</b><br>Director, Clinical Microbiology, Rainbow Children's Hospital, Hyderabad | <b>Dr. Sangeeta Joshi</b><br>Editor- in-Chief, IJMM, Consultant Microbiologist, Infection control officer, Sahyadri Hospital, Pune |
|                                                                                                                |                                                                                                        | <b>Dr. Sumit Rai</b><br>Professor & Head<br>Department of Clinical Microbiology & Infectious Diseases,<br>AIIMS, Mangalagiri       |
|                                                                                                                |                                                                                                        | <b>Dr. Soumyabrata Nag</b><br>Associate Professor, Microbiology, AIIMS Nagpur                                                      |
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### PRE-CONFERENCE CME III

### THE GOLD STANDARD CIRCUIT: FROM LAB VALIDATION TO FRONTLINE DISINFECTION

| Topic                                                                          | Coordinator                                                         | Speakers                                                                                                                                     |
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| The Gold Standard Circuit:<br>From Lab Validation to<br>Frontline Disinfection | Dr. Purva Mathur<br>Head, Microbiology unit, JPNATC,<br>AIIMS Delhi | <b>Dr. Rajesh Karyakarte</b><br>Professor and Head, Microbiology, B. J.<br>Government Medical College and<br>Sassoon General Hospitals, Pune |
|                                                                                |                                                                     | <b>Dr. Nizamuddin Noordin Damani</b><br>Consultant & Advisor, Public Health<br>Agency, Northern Ireland, UK                                  |
|                                                                                |                                                                     | <b>Dr. Apurba Sankar Sastry</b><br>Professor, Department of Microbiology, Hospital<br>Infection Control Incharge, JIPMER, Puducherry         |
|                                                                                |                                                                     | <b>Dr. Ujjwala Ghoshal</b><br>Professor & Head,<br>Department of Microbiology, AIIMS Kalyani                                                 |
|                                                                                |                                                                     | <b>Dr. Jaswinder Kaur Oberoi</b><br>Chairperson, Department of Microbiology, Sir Ganga<br>Ram Hospital, Delhi                                |
|                                                                                |                                                                     | <b>Dr. Rungmei S K Marak</b><br>Professor and Head, Department of Infectious<br>Disease, SGPGI, Lucknow                                      |
|                                                                                |                                                                     | <b>Dr. J. Jayalakshmi</b><br>Professor and Head of Microbiology, KMCH<br>Institute of Health Sciences & Research,<br>Coimbatore              |
|                                                                                |                                                                     | <b>Dr. Manisha Biswal</b><br>Professor, PGIMER, Chandigarh                                                                                   |
|                                                                                |                                                                     | <b>Dr. Sanjay Bhattacharya</b><br>Consultant in Microbiology<br>Tata Medical Center, Kolkata, West Bengal                                    |

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| <b>The Gold Standard Circuit:<br/>From Lab Validation to<br/>Frontline Disinfection</b> | <b>Dr. Purva Mathur</b><br>Head, Microbiology unit, JPNATC,<br>AIIMS Delhi | <b>Dr. Malini R. Capoor</b><br>Professor,<br>Dept of Microbiology, Kayakalp<br>Unit and BMWM unit Incharge, VMMC &<br>Safdarjung<br>Hospital, New Delhi |
|                                                                                         |                                                                            | <b>Dr. Vineeta Khare</b><br>Professor and Head of Microbiology, Era Medical<br>College, Lucknow                                                         |
|                                                                                         |                                                                            | <b>Dr. Manodeep Sen</b><br>Professor Microbiology, RML, Lucknow                                                                                         |
|                                                                                         |                                                                            | <b>Dr. Prashant Gupta</b><br>Professor Microbiology, KGMU, Lucknow                                                                                      |

### CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

#### INAUGURATION – 29th October 2026 (Thursday)

| Time               | Convention Hall                                                                                                                           |
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| 8 : 00 AM          | Registration and Breakfast starts followed by Pre-Conference CMEs                                                                         |
| 05 : 45 PM Onwards | Commencement of Inaugural Function                                                                                                        |
| 7 : 00 – 7 : 30 PM | Presidential Oration – <b>Prof. (Dr.) Chand Wattal</b><br>Chairman, Clinical Microbiology & Immunology, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi |
| 7 : 30 onwards     | Cultural Program folowed by Inaugural Dinner                                                                                              |

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| CONFERENCE DAY 1  |                   | 30-10-26 (Friday)                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| CONVENTION HALL   |                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| TIME              | VENUE             | MEET THE EXPERTS                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|                   |                   | <b>Hidden World of Transplant Infections</b><br>(Session Theme)                                                                                                                                                       |
| 8 : 00– 8 : 45 AM | Convention Hall 1 | <b>Invasive infections including Blood Sream Infections in the Liver TX Recipient</b><br><b>Dr. Ranganathan Iyer</b><br>Director, Clinical Microbiology,<br>Rainbow Children's Hospital, Hyderabad                    |
|                   |                   | <b>The Deteriorating Kidney Transplant Recipient: Recurrent Infection, Cytopenias and a Diagnostic Dilemma</b><br><b>Dr. Amol Rameshrao Bhawane</b><br>Associate Professor,<br>Department of Nephrology, AIIMS Nagpur |
|                   | Convention Hall 2 | <b>Helicobacter pylori: From Detection to Drug Resistance</b><br>(Session Theme)                                                                                                                                      |
|                   |                   | <b>Beyond Detection: Unmasking Drug-Resistant <i>H. pylori</i></b><br><b>Dr. Shalinie Perera</b><br>Clinical Microbiologist, Western Diagnostic Pathology, Western Australia                                          |
|                   | Convention Hall 3 | <b>Role of <i>H. pylori</i> in formation of Gastric Cancer</b><br><b>Dr. Neelesh Shrivastava</b><br>Assistant Professor, Department of surgical oncology, AIIMS Nagpur                                                |
|                   |                   | <b>Pitfalls in Reading Antibigrams</b><br>(Session Theme)                                                                                                                                                             |
|                   |                   | <b>Nuances of AST Reports</b><br><b>Dr. Sumit Rai</b><br>Professor and Head, Department of Clinical Microbiology & Infectious Diseases, AIIMS Mangalagiri                                                             |
|                   |                   | <b>Interpreting blood culture reports in the clinical scenario: Case-based Challenges</b><br><b>Dr. Parikshit Prayag</b><br>Consultant, Transplant Infectious Disease, Deenanath Mangeshkar Hospital, Pune            |
|                   |                   | <b>CHAIRPERSONS :</b><br><b>Dr. Bhaskar Thakuria</b><br>Professor & Head, Microbiology, AIIMS Patna                                                                                                                   |

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| CONFERENCE DAY 1   |                                   | 30-10-26 (Friday)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| CONVENTION HALL    |                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| TIME               | VENUE                             | MEET THE EXPERTS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 8 : 00- 8 : 45 AM  | Convention Hall 4                 | <b>Relevance of Bioinformatics in Clinical Microbiology</b><br>(Session Theme)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|                    |                                   | <b>Leveraging Multiomics and Machine- learning in Virology Research : Biomarker and Antiviral Drug Delivery</b><br><b>Dr. Sarah Cherian</b><br>Scientist G, Bioinformatics & Data Management Division, NIV, Pune<br><br><b>Application of AI and Omics in Microbiology/ Virology</b><br><b>Dr. Amit Arora</b><br>Associate Professor, Department of Microbiology, PGIMER, Chandigarh |
| 8 : 00 - 9 : 00 AM | FREE CATEGORY POSTER PRESENTATION |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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| 9 : 00 - 10 : 00 AM  | DR. K.B SHARMA MEMORIAL JUNIOR BEST PAPER AWARD                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 10 : 00 - 10 : 30 AM | <b>DR. S.C. AGARWAL ORATION AWARD</b><br><b>TITLE - TOWARDS THE ELIMINATION OF VIRAL HEPATITIS FROM INDIA</b><br><b>Dr. Ekta Gupta</b><br>Professor & Head, Department of Clinical Virology,<br>Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences, New Delhi  |
| 10 : 30 - 11 : 00 AM | <b>IAMM ENDOWMENT ORATION AWARD</b><br><b>TITLE - Intestinal Opportunistic and Other Parasitic Infections in India: Navigating an Uncharted Path</b><br><b>Dr. Ujjala Ghoshal</b><br>Professor & Head,<br>Department of Microbiology, AIIMS Kalyani |
| 11 : 00 - 11 : 15 AM | TEA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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### CONVENTION HALL

#### PLENARY SESSIONS

**MODERATOR : Dr. Jayanthi Shastri**

Director, Center of Excellence in Research & Training in Infectious Diseases,  
Maharashtra University of Health Sciences (MUHS) Regional Centre, Mumbai

**Theme : Immune Landscape in Infection**

TOPIC

SPEAKER

CHAIRPERSON

11 : 15 – 12 : 30  
PM

**FIGHTING THE PATHOGENIC FIRE WITH FLOW  
CELLS : FRONTLINE IMMUNE MONITORING IN  
OUTBREAKS.**

**Dr. Vainav Patel**  
Scientist 'D', Head, Department of  
Biochemistry & Virology, National  
Institute for Research in Reproductive  
Health, Parel, Mumbai

**INTEGRATED MICROBIOME IMMUNE  
SIGNATURES IN HIV- TB**

**Dr. Vikrant Bhor**  
Scientist F & Head  
Department of Molecular Immunology &  
Microbiology  
ICMR-National Institute for Research on  
Women's Health

**Dr. Shashikala Nair**  
Professor & Head of  
Department of  
Microbiology , Pondicherry  
Institute of Medical  
Sciences, Pondicherry

**IMMUNOLOGY OF MATERNAL HCMV  
INFECTION : IMPLICATIONS FOR ADVERSE  
PREGNANCY OUTCOMES**

**Dr. Rungmei S K Marak**  
Professor & Head, Department of  
Microbiology & Infectious Diseases,  
SGPGIMS, Lucknow

#### KEYNOTE ADDRESS

12 : 30 – 01 : 00  
PM

**TOPIC : EATING THE ELEPHANT: A PRACTICAL APPROACH TO HAI REDUCTION**

**SPEAKER : Dr. Nizamuddin Noordin Damani**

Consultant & Advisor, Public Health Agency, Northern Ireland, UK

1 : 00 – 2 : 00  
PM

LUNCH

(IAMM QUIZ SCREENING ROUND - 1:00 - 1:30 PM)

2 : 00 - 4 : 00 PM

IAMM Award Sessions

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| DEBATE (Parallel Session) |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                               |
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| 2 : 00 - 3 : 00<br>PM     | <p><b>TOPIC : SYNDROMIC PANELS ARE HELPING CLINICAL DECISION MAKING</b></p> <p><b>MODERATOR : Dr. Camilla Rodrigues</b><br/>Head of Department of Lab Medicine, Consultant Microbiologist, P. D. Hinduja Hospital, Mumbai</p> <p><b>DEBATERS :</b></p> <p><b>FOR :</b></p> <p><b>1. Dr. Preeti Ajapuje</b><br/>Infectious diseases consultant at Apollo Hospital, Pune<br/>Transplant ID consultant at DY Patil Hospital, Pune</p> <p><b>2. Dr. Bansidhar Tarai</b><br/>Director &amp; Head, Microbiology, Molecular Diagnostics &amp; Infection Control, MAX Hospital, Delhi</p> <p><b>AGAINST : 1. Dr. Chhaya Chande</b><br/>Professor, Microbiology, B.J.G.M.C, Pune</p> <p><b>2. Dr. Nirmal Jaiswal</b><br/>Chief Intensivist &amp; Head, Department of Medicine &amp; Critical Care, Suretech Group of Hospitals, Nagpur</p> | 2 : 00 - 5 : 00 PM<br>Free Category Oral<br>Papers and Poster<br>presentation |
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| 3 : 00 - 3 : 30<br>PM     | TEA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                               |

| PARALLEL SYMPOSIA - Day 1 (30.10.2026)<br>3 : 30 - 5 : 00 PM HALL 1<br>THEME : MICROBIOME MATTERS : GUT HEALTH CHATTERS |                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| SN                                                                                                                      | Topic                                                                               | Speaker                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 1                                                                                                                       | <b>GUT MICROBIOME, CLOSTRIDIUM DIFFICILE INFECTION &amp; FAECAL TRANSPLANTATION</b> | <b>Dr. Shrikant Ambalkar</b><br>Consultant & Head of Service, Department of Clinical Microbiology & Infection, Sherwood Forest Hospital, NHS, UK                                                   |
| 2                                                                                                                       | <b>PROBIOTICS, PREBIOTICS &amp; SYMBIOTICS : SAFE OPTIONS FOR NEW THERAPEUTICS</b>  | <b>Dr. Dimple Kasana</b><br>Professor, Additional Director & Head of the Department, Dept. of BBTR, RV & TB and BSL3, Directorate General of Health Sciences, Government of India, New Delhi       |
| 3                                                                                                                       | <b>SUPER DONORS AND MICROBIOME IN NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS AND HEART FAILURE</b>      | <b>Dr. Nirmal Kumar Ganguly</b><br>Chairman, Department of Biotechnology and Research, Sir Gangaram Hospital.<br>President, Probiotic and Gut Microbiota Science Foundation<br>Past President IAMM |
| Chairperson: Lt. Gen. D. Raghunath (Retired)                                                                            |                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

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| PARALLEL SYMPOSIA – Day 1 (30.10.2026)<br>3 : 30- 5 : 00 PM - HALL 2<br>THEME : RARE EMERGING AGENTS (RICKETTSIA, EMERGOMYCES, EMERGING PARASITES)                 |                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                    |
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| SN                                                                                                                                                                 | Topic                                                                           | Speaker                                                                                                                            |
| 1                                                                                                                                                                  | RICKETTSIA AND RARE EMERGING BACTERIA                                           | <b>Dr. Manisha Biswal</b><br>Professor, Dept of Microbiology,<br>PGIMER, Chandigarh                                                |
| 2                                                                                                                                                                  | EMERGOMYCES AND RARE EMERGING FUNGI                                             | <b>Dr. Malini Capoor</b><br>Professor, Microbiology, Vardhman Medical<br>College &<br>Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi               |
| 3                                                                                                                                                                  | EMERGING RARE PARASITIC INFECTIONS : ROLE IN<br>CARCINOGENESIS-THE MISSING LINK | <b>Dr. Tuhina Banerjee</b><br>Professor & Head, Dept of Microbiology,<br>Institute of Medical Sciences<br>Banaras Hindu University |
| <b>Chairperson -</b><br><b>Dr. Jagdish Chander</b><br>Former Professor & Head Department of Microbiology,<br>Government Medical College & Hospital,<br>Chandigarh. |                                                                                 | <b>Dr. Priti Agrawal</b><br>Professor and Head<br>Department of Microbiology<br>AIIMS, Bilaspur, Himachal Pradesh                  |

| PARALLEL SYMPOSIA - Day 1 (30.10.2026)<br>3 : 30- 5 : 00 PM - HALL 3<br>THEME : PULMONARY MYCOSES : DIAGNOSTIC CHALLENGES                        |                                                               |                                                                                                                      |
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| SN                                                                                                                                               | Topic                                                         | Speaker                                                                                                              |
| 1                                                                                                                                                | EPIDEMIOLOGY : SPECTRUM AND EMERGENCE                         | <b>Dr. Jayanthi Savio</b><br>Professor & Head,<br>Department of Microbiology<br>St. Johns Medical College, Bengaluru |
| 2                                                                                                                                                | WHEN TO SUSPECT PULMONARY MYCOSES AND<br>DIAGNOSTIC ALGORITHM | <b>Dr. Shivaprakash M<br/>Rudramurthy</b><br>Professor & Head, Dept of<br>Microbiology, PGIMER, Chandigarh           |
| 3                                                                                                                                                | INTERPRETATION OF NON-CULTURE-BASED<br>DIAGNOSIS              | <b>Dr. Priyanka Narain</b><br>Associate Professor, Dept of<br>Microbiology, Patna Medical College,<br>Bihar          |
| <b>Chairpersons -</b><br><b>Dr. Ragini Tilak</b><br>Professor,<br>Department of Microbiology<br>Institute of Medical Sciences B.H.U,<br>Varanasi |                                                               | <b>Dr. Shukla Das</b><br>Head, Director, Professor,<br>Department of Microbiology<br>UCMS & GTBH<br>Delhi            |

**4 : 00 - 6 : 00 PM**  
**IAMM**  
**Executive Council**  
**Meeting**

**Venue :**  
**Conference Room,**  
**Admin Block,**  
**AIIMS, Nagpur**

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### INDUSTRIAL SESSION - DAY 1 (30.10.2026)

5:00 - 6:00 PM - HALL 1 (ZUVERLASSE)

| TIME                  | VENUE    | INDUSTRIAL SESSIONS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| 5 : 00 -<br>6 : 00 PM | Hall 1 - | <p><b>TOPIC: EVALUATING DISINFECTANTS USING EN/ASTM STANDARDS</b><br/> <b>SPEAKER: Dr. Benedict Vinothini A.</b><br/> HIC Fellow and SR, Department of Microbiology, JIPMER, Puducherry</p> <p><b>Moderator: Dr. Apurba Sankar Sastry</b><br/> Professor, Department of Microbiology, Hospital Infection Control In-charge, JIPMER, Puducherry</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. HYGIENIC HAND-RUB TESTING (EN 1500)</li> <li>2. SUSPENSION TESTS – BASIC AND SPECIALISED (EN 1040 AND OTHERS)</li> <li>3. CARRIER/SURFACE TESTS (AOAC USE DILUTION TEST)</li> <li>4. KELSEY-SYKES CAPACITY TEST</li> </ol> |

### INDUSTRIAL SESSION - DAY 1 (30.10.2026)

5:00 - 6:00 PM - HALL 2 (ZUVERLASSE)

THEME: ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE IN HOSPITALS: CLOSING THE GAPS

| TIME         | TOPIC                                                        | SPEAKER                                                                                                                                              |
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| 5:00-5:10 PM | THE INVISIBLE RESERVOIR: WHY IT MATTERS?                     | <b>Dr. Lata Sheoran</b><br>Consultant Microbiologist, Yatharth Wellness Super Speciality Hospital & Heart Centre, Noida                              |
| 5:10-5:30PM  | ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANING: BEST PRACTICES IN HIGH RISK SETTINGS | <b>Dr. Veenu Gupta</b><br>Prof & Head Department of Microbiology, DMC, Ludhiana                                                                      |
| 5:30-5:50 PM | ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEILLANCE: WHAT, WHERE & WHEN?              | <b>Dr. Jaswinder Kaur Oberoi</b><br>Chairperson & Sr. Consultant, Institute of Clinical Microbiology & Immunology, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi |
| 5:50-6:00 PM | FROM “LOOKS CLEAN” TO “IS IT CLEAN?”: AUDITS & KPIS          | <b>Dr. Lata Sheoran</b><br>Consultant Microbiologist, Yatharth Wellness Super Speciality Hospital & Heart Centre, Noida                              |

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### INDUSTRIAL SESSION - DAY 1 (30.10.2026)

5:00 - 6:00 PM - HALL 3 (BIOMERIEUX)

| TIME                  | SPEAKERS                                                                                                     |
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| 5 : 00 -<br>6 : 00 PM | <b>TOPIC - THE SEPSIS CARE CONTINUUM: FROM DIAGNOSTICS TO INTERVENTION – A MULTIDISCIPLINARY DIALOGUE</b>    |
|                       | <b>Dr. Parikshit Prayag</b><br>Infectious Diseases Consultant<br>Deenanath Mangeshkar Hospital, Pune         |
|                       | <b>Dr. Subhash Kr. Todi</b><br>Director of the Department of Critical Care<br>Manipal Hospitals, Kolkata     |
|                       | <b>Dr. Meena Mishra</b><br>Professor & Head, Department of Microbiology<br>AIIMS Nagpur                      |
|                       | <b>Dr. Sankar Sengupta</b><br>Head of Department-Laboratory Medicine<br>CNCI, Kolkata                        |
|                       | <b>Dr. Debkishore Gupta</b><br>Director & Head, Medical Affairs - South Asia, Biomerieux<br>bioMérieux India |
| 7 : 00 PM<br>Onwards  | <b>Dr. Cecilia Carvalhaes</b><br>Director, Medical Microbiology Specialists<br>bioMérieux India              |
|                       | <b>NETWORKING DINNER</b>                                                                                     |

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### CONFERENCE DAY 2

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### CONVENTIONAL HALL

| TIME                  | VENUE                | MEET THE EXPERTS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| 8 : 00 – 8 : 45<br>AM | Convention<br>Hall 1 | <b>Bone &amp; Prosthetic Joint Infection</b><br>(Session Theme)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|                       |                      | <b>Navigating the Diagnostic Journey of PJIs: From Operation Room to Bench</b><br><br><b>Dr. Aruna Poojary</b><br>Lab Director & IPC In charge, Breach Candy Hospital Trust, Mumbai<br><br><b>The Journey of a PJI Patient: From Diagnosis to Recovery</b><br><br><b>Dr. Aditya Menon</b><br>Orthopedics consultant, PD Hinduja Hospital, Mumbai<br><br><b>CHAIRPERSONS:</b><br><b>Dr. Manideepa SenGupta</b><br>Professor & Head, Department of Microbiology, Mandakini Institute of Medical Sciences & Hospital, Ranaghat, West Bengal |
|                       | Convention<br>Hall 2 | <b>From Culture/AST to Molecular Testing- Quality matters</b><br>(Session Theme)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                       |                      | <b>Too Sensitive, Too Resistant? Quality Issues Behind AST Discrepancies -</b><br><br><b>Dr. Sonal Saxena</b><br>Professor & Head, Microbiology, MAMC, New Delhi<br><br><b>From Extraction to Ct values: The Quality Chain in Molecular Testing-</b><br><br><b>Dr. Bharti Malhotra</b><br>Professor, Department of Microbiology, Sawai Mansingh Medical College, Jaipur<br><br><b>CHAIRPERSONS :</b><br><b>Dr. Vimala Venkatesh</b><br>Professor & Head, Department of Microbiology, King George's Medical University, Lucknow           |

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CONFERENCE DAY 2

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### CONVENTIONAL HALL

| TIME                  | VENUE                             | MEET THE EXPERTS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| 8 : 00 – 8 : 45<br>AM | Convention<br>Hall 3              | <b>Ocular Microbiology Diagnostics</b><br>(Session Theme)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                       |                                   | <b>SPEAKERS :</b><br><br><b>Microbiological diagnosis of eye infections- nuances of specimen collection and routine diagnosis of viral and non-viral eye infections -</b><br><b>Dr. Savitri Sharma</b><br>Director Emeritus, laboratory Services, LV Prasad Institute, Hyderabad<br><br><b>Uncommon Ocular Pathogens, Molecular Diagnosis and Metagenomic Approach in the Diagnosis of Eye Infections -</b><br><b>Dr. Nishat Hussain</b><br>Professor, Ocular Microbiology, Dr. R.P.C, AIIMS Delhi<br><br><b>CHAIRPERSONS :</b><br><b>Dr. Sanjay More</b><br>Professor and Head, Department of Microbiology, GMC, Nanded                                              |
|                       | Convention<br>Hall 4              | <b>The Shifting Microbial Landscape : What Today's Microbiologist Must Anticipate</b><br>(Session Theme)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                       |                                   | <b>SPEAKER:</b><br><b>From Petri Dish to Patient: Lessons from a Lifetime in Microbiology</b><br><b>Lt. Gen. D. Raghunath (Retired)</b><br><br><b>When Culture Doesn't Tell the Whole Story: The ID-Microbiology Dilemma</b><br><b>Dr. Ashwini Tayade</b><br>Consultant - Infectious Disease, Wockhardt hospital, Director-Ishra Health-Infectious Disease Clinic, Nagpur<br><br><b>CHAIRPERSONS :</b> <div> <b>Dr. Pratima Gupta</b><br/>           Professor &amp; Head, Department of Microbiology, AIIMS Deoghar         </div> <div> <b>Dr. Balram Ji Omar</b><br/>           Professor, Department of Microbiology, AIIMS Rishikesh, Uttarakhand         </div> |
| 8 : 00 - 9 : 00<br>AM | FREE CATEGORY POSTER PRESENTATION |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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| CONFERENCE DAY 2     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | (31 - 10 - 2026) Saturday |
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| CONVENTION HALL      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                           |
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| 09 : 00 – 10 : 00 AM | IAMM QUIZ                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                           |
| 10 : 00 – 11 : 00 AM | Dr. S. R. SENGUPTA IAMM SYMPOSIUM                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                           |
|                      | <p><b>TOPIC : ONE HEALTH AND JOINT OUTBREAK RESPONSE</b><br/> <b>MODERATOR : Dr. Mala Chhabra</b><br/>           Consultant Microbiology, Associate Dean (Research), Dr Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital &amp; Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi</p> <p><b>Panelist : Dr. Nivedita Gupta</b>, Scientist G &amp; Head, Division of Communicable Diseases, ICMR, Delhi<br/> <b>Dr. Bharti Malhotra</b>, Professor, Dept. of Microbiology, Sawai Mansingh Medical College, Jaipur<br/> <b>Dr. Rahul Dhodapkar</b>, Professor &amp; Head, Dept. of Microbiology, JIPMER, Puducherry<br/> <b>Dr. Sandeep Chaudhari</b>, Professor &amp; Head, Dept of Veterinary Public Health &amp; Epidemiology, Nagpur Veterinary College, MAFSU, Nagpur</p> |                           |
| 11 : 00 – 11 : 30 AM | KEYNOTE ADDRESS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                           |
|                      | <p><b>TOPIC : THE FUTURE OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES : PREDICT, PREVENT, PROTECT</b><br/> <b>SPEAKER : Dr. Nivedita Gupta</b><br/>           Scientist G &amp; Head, Division of Communicable Diseases, ICMR, Delhi</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                           |
| 11 : 30 - 12 : 00 PM | KEYNOTE ADDRESS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                           |
|                      | <p><b>TOPIC : CHALLENGES IN DIAGNOSIS OF UNUSUAL PARASITES AND USE OF E-DIAGNOSIS</b><br/> <b>SPEAKER : Dr. Harshavardhan Sheorey</b><br/>           Consultant Clinical Microbiologist<br/>           St. Vincent's Hospital, Melbourne &amp; Royal Melbourne Hospital, Australia</p> <p><b>CHAIRPERSONS: Dr. Vilas Jahagirdar</b><br/>           Retired Dean, GMC Miraj; former Professor and HOD, Microbiology, VMGMC Solapur</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                           |
| 12 : 00 – 01 : 30 PM | GENERAL BODY MEETING                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                           |
| 01 : 30 – 02 : 30 PM | LUNCH                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                           |

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| 2 : 00 - 4 : 00 PM   | IAMM AWARD SESSIONS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                           |
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| 02 : 30 – 03 : 30 PM | PLENARY SESSIONS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                           |
|                      | <p><b>TOPIC : INTERESTING CASE DISCUSSION</b><br/> <b>MODERATOR : Dr. Aruna Poojary</b><br/>           Lab Director &amp; Infection Control In-charge, Breach Candy Hospital Trust, Mumbai</p> <p><b>PANELIST :</b><br/> <b>Dr. Nitin Shinde</b><br/>           Senior Consultant, Infectious Diseases and Internal Medicine, KIMS Kingsway, Hospital, Nagpur</p> <p><b>Dr. Samir Dwidmuthe</b><br/>           Professor &amp; Head, Dept. Of Orthopaedics, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Nagpur</p> <p><b>Format Overview</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Theme : Real-time Grand Round – Interactive &amp; Unscripted</li> <li>Case Source : Selected from cases submitted by Young Trailblazer</li> </ul> | <p><b>2 : 00 - 5 : 00 PM</b><br/> <b>FREE CATEGORY</b><br/> <b>ORAL PAPER AND POSTER PRESENTATION</b></p> |

### PARALLEL SYMPOSIA - Day 2 (31.10.2026)

3 : 30 – 5 : 00 PM - HALL 1

THEME : ONE HEALTH IN ACTION : INTEGRATING HUMAN, ANIMAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

| SN | Topic                                                                        | Speaker                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| 1  | <b>WATER, WASTE &amp; BUGS : ENVIRONMENTAL PATHWAYS TO AMR</b>               | <b>Dr. Jyoti Iravane</b><br>Professor & Head, Department of Microbiology, GMC Aurangabad                                                                                                                                            |
| 2  | <b>IMPLICATIONS OF THE ONE HEALTH PARADIGM FOR CLINICAL MICROBIOLOGY</b>     | <b>Dr. Nayana Ingole</b><br>Professor, Department of Microbiology, Kasturba Hospital for Infectious Diseases, Chinchpokli, Mumbai                                                                                                   |
| 3  | <b>COLLABORATE TO CONTAIN : MULTISECTORAL STRATEGIES FOR HEALTH SECURITY</b> | <b>Dr. Pragya D. Yadav</b><br>Director in-Charge, National Institute of One Health, Nagpur, Scientist 'F' and Group Leader, Maximum Containment Laboratory, Indian Council of Medical Research-National Institute of Virology, Pune |

**CHAIRPERSON : Dr. Vineeta Mittal**

Professor RMLIMS, Lucknow

## SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

### PARALLEL SYMPOSIA - Day 2 (31.10.2026)

3 : 30 – 5 : 00 PM - HALL 2

THEME : CULTURE THE UNCULTURED : ADVANCES IN ANAEROBIC INFECTION DIAGNOSIS

| SN | Topic                                                                                | Speaker                                                                                                       |
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| 1  | ASSOCIATION OF ANAEROBES WITH INFECTIOUS AND NONINFECTIOUS DISEASE, WIDENING HORIZON | <b>Dr. Rama Chaudhry</b><br>ICMR Emeritus Scientist<br>Former Head of Microbiology, AIIMS Delhi               |
| 2  | FROM NEGLECT TO NECESSITY : UNMASKING ANAEROBES IN CULTURE-NEGATIVE INFECTIONS       | <b>Dr. Padmaja A Shenoy</b><br>Associate Professor<br>Department of Microbiology, KMC Manipal                 |
| 3  | CONVENTIONAL VS AUTOMATIONS : DIAGNOSTIC DILEMMA                                     | <b>Dr. Shashwati Nema</b><br>Professor, Department of Microbiology<br>AIIMS Bhopal                            |
| 4  | DECODING VIRULENCE AND RESISTANCE IN CLINICALLY SIGNIFICANT ANAEROBES                | <b>Dr. Archana Angrup</b><br>Additional Professor<br>Department of Medical Microbiology<br>PGIMER, Chandigarh |

### PARALLEL SYMPOSIA - Day 2 (PANEL DISCUSSION) (31.10.2026)

3 : 30 – 5 : 00 PM - HALL 3

THEME : TEST WHAT MATTERS : DIAGNOSTIC STEWARDSHIP IN THE AGE OF AUTOMATION AND AI

| SN | Topic                                                                              | Speaker                                                                                                                   |
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| 1  | DIAGNOSTIC STEWARDSHIP IN THE AGE OF AUTOMATION : RESTORING THE CLINICAL REASONING | <b>Dr. Vikas Manchanda</b><br>Professor, Dept of Microbiology<br>Maulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi                  |
| 2  | FROM OVER-TESTING TO TEST WHAT MATTERS                                             | <b>Dr. Umabala Pamidimukkala</b><br>Professor & Head, Dept Microbiology, Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences, Hyderabad |
| 3  | SPEED WITH SENSE : RATIONAL USE OF RAPID DIAGNOSTICS                               | <b>Dr. V. Balaji</b><br>Professor, Dept of Microbiology,<br>CMC, Vellore                                                  |
| 4  | CLINICAL IMPACT & COST-EFFECTIVENESS IN INFECTIOUS DISEASES                        | <b>Dr. Devjani De</b><br>Medical Affairs Lead - India Biomerieux                                                          |
| 5  | FROM PATHOGEN TO PRESCRIPTION : THE CLINICAL POWER OF TIMELY DIAGNOSTICS           | <b>Dr. Anup Warriar</b><br>Chief Medical Affairs & Quality Officer Aster Hospital, Cochin                                 |

**Chairperson :**  
**Dr. Rajni Gaiind**  
Consultant & Professor VMMC &  
Safdarjung Hospital, New  
Delhi

**Dr. Jaswinder Kaur Oberoi**  
Sr Consultant, Microbiology  
Sir Ganga Ram Hospital,  
New Delhi

## SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

5 : 00 to 6 : 00 pm

INDUSTRIAL SESSIONS

HALL 1- ZUVERLASSE - BEYOND THE VENTILATOR: Breaking the Chain of Infection in Ventilator-Associated Pneumonia (VAP)

| Timing                                                                                                                                            | TOPIC                                                           | SPEAKER                                                                                                                                                    |
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| 5:00 PM – 5:15 PM                                                                                                                                 | VAP: Understanding the Microbiology Behind the Infection        | <b>Dr. Anupma Jyoti Kindo</b><br>Dean Academics, Professor & Head<br>Department of Microbiology<br>Birsra Institute of Medical Sciences & Research, Ranchi |
| 5:15 PM – 5:30 PM                                                                                                                                 | VAE Surveillance                                                | <b>Dr. Chinmoy Sahu</b><br>Professor, Department of Microbiology<br>SGPGIMS, Lucknow                                                                       |
| 5:30 PM – 5:45 PM                                                                                                                                 | Terminal Disinfection and Reprocessing of Respiratory Equipment | <b>Dr. Ankur Goyal</b><br>Professor & Head<br>SN Medical College, Agra                                                                                     |
| 5:45 PM – 6:00 PM                                                                                                                                 | Breaking the Chain: Preventing VAP in ICU through bundle care   | <b>Dr. Nidhi Tejan</b><br>Assistant Professor<br>Department of Microbiology<br>SGPGIMS, Lucknow                                                            |
| <p><b>Moderator: Dr. Rungmei S. K. Marak</b><br/>Professor &amp; Head, Department of Microbiology &amp; Infectious Diseases, SGPGIMS, Lucknow</p> |                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                            |

5 : 00 to 6 : 00 pm

INDUSTRIAL SESSIONS

HALL 2 – BIOMERIEUX - Panel Discussion on Digital Innovation, Automation & Actionable Intelligence

| TOPIC                                                                             | SPEAKER                                                                                                                                              |
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| <b>BEYOND THE CULTURE PLATE : THE FUTURE OF DATA-DRIVEN CLINICAL MICROBIOLOGY</b> | 1. <b>Dr. Bansidhar Tarai</b><br>Director & Head, Microbiology, Molecular Diagnostics & Infection control<br>Max Super Speciality Hospital           |
|                                                                                   | 2. <b>Dr. Subhranshu Mandal</b><br>Associate Professor, Department of Microbiology, Chittaranjan National Cancer Institute, Kolkata                  |
|                                                                                   | 3. <b>Dr. Aruna Poojary</b><br>Head of Dept , Pathology & Microbiology, Breach Candy Hospital Trust, Mumbai.                                         |
|                                                                                   | 4. <b>Dr. Rupali Suryawanshi</b><br>Consultant Microbiologist<br>Ruby Hall Clinic, Pune                                                              |
|                                                                                   | 5. <b>Dr. Nandini Seturaman</b><br>Senior Consultant & Head of Department Microbiology<br>Apollo Hospital, Chennai                                   |
|                                                                                   | 6. <b>Dr. Neelam Taneja</b><br>Professor & Head, Department of Medical Microbiology<br>In-charge, Enteric & Bacteriology Division, PGIMER Chandigarh |

## SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

5 : 00 to 6 : 00 pm

INDUSTRIAL SESSIONS

HALL 3 – BD DIAGNOSTICS TOPIC: SEPSIS AND BLOODSTREAM INFECTIONS: BRIDGING CLINICAL AND LABORATORY EXCELLENCE

| Time              | Topic                                                                                                 | Speakers                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| 5:00 PM - 5:10 PM | SEPSIS 2026: PRACTICE-CHANGING INSIGHTS YOU CAN'T IGNORE                                              | <b>Dr. Nitin Shinde (ID Physician)</b><br>Senior Consultant, Infectious Diseases and Internal Medicine, KIMS Kingsway Hospital, Nagpur                                             |
| 5:10 PM - 5:20 PM | FUNGAL BLOODSTREAM INFECTIONS: DIAGNOSTIC CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN THE MICROBIOLOGY LABORATORY | <b>Dr. Arunaloke Chakrabarti</b><br>Past President IAMM, ISHAM, ISMM<br>Director, Doodhadhari Burfani Hospital and Research Institute, Haridwar                                    |
| 5:20 PM - 5:35 PM | PEDIATRIC BSI'S- IMPLEMENTING EFFECTIVE DIAGNOSTIC STEWARDSHIP- CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES          | <b>Dr. Ranganathan Iyer</b><br>Director Clinical Microbiology, Infections and Infection Control<br>Rainbow Children's Hospital Group                                               |
| 5:35 PM - 6:00 PM | CLINICAL VIGNETTES: DIAGNOSTIC AND MANAGEMENT CHALLENGES IN BSI/SEPSIS                                | <b>Moderator:</b><br><b>Dr. Arunaloke Chakrabarti</b><br><br><b>Panelists:</b><br><b>Dr. Ranganathan Iyer</b><br><b>Dr. Shehzad Mirza, Dr. Anuradha Deshmukh, Dr. Nitin Shinde</b> |

07: 00 pm Onwards  
BANQUET DINNER

## SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

CONFERENCE DAY 3

(01- 11- 26) Sunday

### CONVENTION HALL

| TIME                  | VENUE                | MEET THE EXPERTS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| 8 : 00 – 8 : 45<br>AM | Convention<br>Hall 1 | <b>The Next Pandemic in Waiting?</b><br>(Session Theme)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|                       |                      | <p><b>Which virus comes next? Preparing for the next pandemic.</b><br/><b>Dr. Manickam Ponnaiah</b><br/>Scientist F, ICMR-National Institute of Epidemiology, Chennai</p> <p><b>Solution of AMR - Is IAS practice (INSAAF) by Microbiologist?</b><br/><b>Dr. Prasan Kumar Panda</b><br/>Dept of Medicine (ID Division), AIIMS, Rishikesh , Secretary SASPI</p>                                                                                                                           |
|                       | Convention<br>Hall 2 | <b>Two Lives at Stake: Are we Missing Infections in Pregnancy?</b><br>(Session Theme)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|                       |                      | <p><b>ENDOSYMBIONT STRIKES BACK : MITOCHONDRIAL SIGNALS IN PLACENTAL INFECTION-DRIVEN PRETERM BIRTH -</b><br/><b>Dr. Siddhesh Aras</b><br/>Center for Molecular Medicine and Genetics, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Department of Oncology, Wayne State University School of Medicine</p> <p><b>Two Lives, One Microbe: Cracking the Code of Pregnancy Loss</b><br/><b>Dr. Chaitanya Shembekar</b><br/>Gynaecologist &amp; Fertility Consultant, Omega Hospitals, Nagpur</p> |

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### CONFERENCE DAY 3

(01- 11- 26) Sunday

### CONVENTION HALL

| TIME                  | VENUE                              | MEET THE EXPERTS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| 8 : 00 – 8 : 45<br>AM | Convention Hall 3                  | <p><b>Leprosy &amp; other neglected tropical diseases</b><br/>(Session Theme)</p> <p><b>The Spectrum of Leprosy: From Early Diagnosis to Difficult-to-Treat Disease</b><br/><b>Dr. Sanjiv Vijay Choudhary</b><br/>Professor &amp; Head of Dermatology, venereology and Leprology, AIIMS, Nagpur</p> <p><b>Approach to neglected tropical diseases</b><br/><b>Dr. Debasis Biswas</b><br/>Professor and Head, Department of Microbiology, AIIMS, Bhopal</p> <p><b>CHAIRPERSON :</b><br/><b>Dr. Namrata Kumari</b><br/>Professor &amp; HOD , Department of Microbiology, Indira Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences, Sheikhpura, Patna</p> |
|                       | Convention Hall 4                  | <p><b>When to stop Antifungal Therapy</b><br/>(Session Theme)</p> <p><b>Antifungal Stewardship: Starting Right, Stopping Right</b><br/><b>Dr. Rajashree Khot</b><br/>Professor, Department of Medicine, AIIMS, Nagpur</p> <p><b>When to Stop, When to Switch: A Microbiologist's Guide to Antifungal Therapy</b><br/><b>Dr. Anjali Shetty</b><br/>Consultant Microbiologist, PD Hinduja, Mumbai</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 8 : 00 - 9 : 00<br>AM | FREE CATEGORY POSTER PRESENTATIONS |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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### CONFERENCE DAY 3

(01- 11- 26) Sunday

### CONVENTIONAL HALL

|                                          | IAMM STUDENT SYMPOSIUM TOPIC                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| 9 : 00 – 10 : 00 AM                      | <p><b>TOPIC : SURVEILLANCE OF DEVICE ASSOCIATED INFECTIONS</b></p> <p><b>MODERATOR :</b><br/><b>Dr. Purva Mathur</b><br/>Professor &amp; Head, Microbiology Unit, Trauma Centre, AIIMS Delhi</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|                                          | KEYNOTE ADDRESS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 10 : 00 – 10 : 30 AM<br>Tea to be served | <p><b>TOPIC : A Bird's-Eye View of the Evolving Landscape of Tuberculosis Diagnostics</b></p> <p><b>SPEAKER :</b><br/><b>Dr. Shobhini Rajan</b><br/>Deputy Director General ( TB), Central TB Division<br/>Ministry of Health &amp; Family Welfare, Govt. of India</p> <p><b>CHAIRPERSON : Dr. Pratibha Narang</b><br/>Honorary Professor<br/>Dept of Microbiology, MGIMS, Sewagram</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                                          | DEBATE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 10 : 30 AM - 11 : 30 AM                  | <p><b>TOPIC : THE LAB VS THE PRESCRIPTION PAD: WHO REALLY CONTROLS AMR?</b></p> <p><b>MODERATOR : Dr. Abhay Chowdhary</b><br/>CEO, Urokul Kulkarni, Urosurgery Institute, Pune</p> <p><b>DEBATERS:</b></p> <p><b>Microbiologists :</b> 1. <b>Dr. Sumit Rai</b><br/>Professor and Head, Department of Clinical Microbiology &amp; Infectious Diseases, AIIMS Mangalagiri<br/>2. <b>Dr. Sanjay Bhattacharya</b><br/>Senior Consultant Microbiologist, Tata Medical Centre, Kolkata</p> <p><b>Clinicians :</b> 1. <b>Dr. Nikhil Balankhe</b><br/>Director, Department of Critical Care Medicine, Viveka Hospital, Nagpur<br/>2. <b>Dr. Mangesh H. Tiwaskar</b><br/>Consultant Physician and Diabetologist, Shilpa medical Research Centre, Mumbai</p> |

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PARALLEL SYMPOSIA - Day 3 (01/11/2026)

11 : 30 AM to 12 : 30 PM - HALL 1

THEME : NTM UNCOVERED : AN UPDATE ON DIAGNOSIS, DRUG SUSCEPTIBILITY, AND ONE HEALTH APPROACHES

| SN                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Topic                                                                                            | Speaker                                                                                                       |
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| 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>ADVANCES IN NTM DIAGNOSTICS : FROM CONVENTIONAL METHODS TO NEXT GENERATION SEQUENCING</b>     | <b>Dr. Nilma Hirani</b><br>Professor, Department of Microbiology, Grant Medical College & JJ hospital, Mumbai |
| 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>DRUG SUSCEPTIBILITY TESTING IN NTM : CURRENT METHODS, CHALLENGES AND CLINICAL CORRELATION</b> | <b>Dr. Mandira Varma Basil</b><br>Director, Professor, Vallabhbhai Patel Chest Institute, Delhi               |
| 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>ENVIRONMENTAL AND ONE HEALTH PERSPECTIVES IN NTM TRANSMISSION &amp; SURVEILLANCE</b>          | <b>Dr. Joy Sarojini Michael</b><br>Department of Clinical Microbiology, CMC, Vellore                          |
| 4                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>TB DIAGNOSTICS AT A CROSSROADS: INTEGRATING RAPID MOLECULAR TESTS WITH CULTURE AND DST</b>    | <b>Dr. Gaurav Salunkhe</b><br>Professor<br>Department of Microbiology, Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai         |
| <b>CHAIRPERSON :</b> 1. <b>Dr. Mangayarkarasi V</b><br>Professor & Head, Dean Research<br>Department of Microbiology,<br>AIIMS, Madurai         2. <b>Col. A. Agarwal</b><br>Professor & Head<br>Department of Clinical Microbiology,<br>AIIMS, Rajkot |                                                                                                  |                                                                                                               |

PARALLEL SYMPOSIA - Day 3 (01/11/2026)

11 : 30 AM to 12 : 30 PM - HALL 2

THEME : DEMYSTIFYING AES: BEYOND FEVER AND ALTERED SENSORIUM

| SN                                                                                                                                                   | Topic                                                                       | Speaker                                                                                                                                                           |
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| 1                                                                                                                                                    | <b>FINDING THE CULPRIT : TARGETED APPROACH TO DIAGNOSE AES</b>              | <b>Dr. Amita Jain</b><br>Executive Director and CEO, AIIMS Raebareli<br>Former Dean and Head of Microbiology<br>King George's Medical University (KGMU), Lucknow. |
| 2                                                                                                                                                    | <b>THE LETHAL VIRAL TRIO: DIAGNOSTIC CHALLENGES IN RABIES, SSPE AND PML</b> | <b>Dr. Reeta S. Mani</b><br>Professor & Head, Neurovirology, NIMHANS, Bangalore                                                                                   |
| 3                                                                                                                                                    | <b>AES ON TARGET : EARLY ACTION, ROBUST SURVEILLANCE LASTING IMPACT!</b>    | <b>Dr. Anoop Velayudhan</b><br>Scientist 'F' ICMR, New Delhi                                                                                                      |
| <b>Chairperson -</b><br><b>Dr. Sumi Nandwani</b><br>Professor & Head<br>Department of Microbiology<br>Post Graduate Institute of Child Health, Noida |                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                   |

## SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

PARALLEL SYMPOSIA – Day 3

11 : 30 AM to 12 : 30 PM – HALL 3

THEME : POST-COVID VIROLOGY: ARE WE PREPARED OR JUST EXPERIENCED?

| SN | Topic                                                                                             | Speaker                                                                                                                                          |
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| 1  | FROM PANDEMIC PANIC TO PATHOGEN INTELLIGENCE : ARE OUR SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS TRULY GENOMICS READY? | <b>Dr. Rakesh Mishra</b><br>Director, TIGS, Bangalore                                                                                            |
| 2  | THE NEW VIROLOGY LANDSCAPE : REEMERGENCE, SPILLOVERS, AND THE EXPANDING ZONOTIC THREAT            | <b>Dr. Anita Shete</b><br>Scientist 'E' ICMR NIV, Pune                                                                                           |
| 3  | THE SPILLOVER CONTINUUM: CLINICAL MANAGEMENT FROM EXPOSURE TO RECOVERY                            | <b>Dr. (Prof.) Prashant P. Joshi</b><br>MD (Medicine), MSc (Clinical Epidemiology, UNC Australia)<br>Executive Director and CEO,<br>AIIMS Nagpur |

01 : 00 PM to 01 : 30 PM - VALEDICTORY

01 : 30 PM - Onwards Lunch