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PRE - CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

PRE- CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS			DATE – 28.10.2026 (Wednesday)
SN	TOPIC	WORKSHOP COORDINATOR	FACULTY TEAM
1	DIAGNOSTIC APPROACHES IN CLINICAL PARASITOLOGY: FROM MICROSCOPY TO SEQUENCING VENUE: ROOM NO 204, PATHOLOGY PRACTICAL HALL, 2ND FLOOR, ACADEMIC BUILDING, AIIMS NAGPUR	Dr. Harshavardhan Sheorey Staff Specialist in Microbiology St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne & Royal Melbourne Hospital, Australia	Dr. Abhishek Mewara Additional Professor, Department of Medical Parasitology, Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh Dr. Sitara Swarna Rao Ajjampur Senior Professor & Head, Department of Microbiology, Wellcome Trust Research Laboratory, Christian Medical College (CMC), Vellore Dr. Rimjhim Kanaujia Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology, RMLIMS, Lucknow Dr. Taruna Kaura Scientist B, Department of Medical Parasitology, PGIMER, Chandigarh, India Ms. Malathi Manuel Senior Demonstrator, Wellcome Trust Research Laboratory, Christian Medical College (CMC), Vellore Ms. Urvashi Rahi PhD student, Department of Medical Parasitology, PGIMER, Chandigarh, India Ms. Selvi Laxmanan Medical Laboratory Technician, The Wellcome Trust Research Laboratory, Christian Medical College, Vellore, India Ms. Renita Ruth Associate Research Officer, The Wellcome Trust Research Laboratory, Christian Medical College, Vellore, India
2	TRANSFORMING CLINICAL MICROBIOLOGY WITH NEXT-GENERATION SEQUENCING VENUE: ROOM NO G17, ANATOMY HISTOLOGY LAB, GROUND FLOOR ACADEMIC BUILDING, AIIMS NAGPUR	Dr. Bharti Malhotra Past President IAMM Sr. Professor, Microbiology, SMS Medical College, Jaipur	Dr. Ankit Jain Executive Segment Specialist, Illumina Dr. Swati Gautam Scientist, SMS Medical College, Jaipur Dr. Manjunatha B. L. Senior Field Application Scientist, Illumina

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			Dr. Swapnil Kadamb Field Application Scientist, Premas Life Sciences Dr. T.S Gugapriya Professor, Department of Anatomy AIIMS Nagpur
3	EVALUATING DIAGNOSTIC TESTS PERFORMANCE: CONCEPTS, METHODS AND APPLICATION VENUE: ROOM NO 317, COMMUNITY MEDICINE DEMO ROOM, 3RD FLOOR ACADEMIC BUILDING, AIIMS NAGPUR	Dr. Akkilagunta Sujiv Additional Professor, Department of Community Medicine, AIIMS Nagpur	Dr. Pradeep Deshmukh Professor & Head, Department of Community Medicine, AIIMS, Nagpur Dr. Yogesh Bahurupi Additional Professor, Department of Community Medicine, AIIMS Nagpur Dr. Jaya Prasad Tripathy Additional Professor, Department of Community Medicine, AIIMS Nagpur
4	INTEGRATED MYCOPATHOLOGY AND NANOPORE SEQUENCING VENUE: ROOM NO 20, TRAINING ROOM, GROUND FLOOR, VRDL, AYUSH BUILDING + VRDL LABORATORY, AIIMS NAGPUR	Dr. Karuna Tadepalli Professor, Department of Microbiology, AIIMS, Bhopal	Dr. Rahul Garg Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology AIIMS Bibinagar Dr. Gajendra Singh Project Research Scientist-I, Department of Microbiology, AIIMS Bhopal Ms. Madhu Panthi Project Technical Support-III, Department of Microbiology, AIIMS Bhopal
5	ONE HEALTH APPROACH TO VIRAL THREATS VENUE: ROOM NO 625, PHYSIOLOGY SKILL LAB, 6TH FLOOR, ACADEMIC BUILDING, AIIMS NAGPUR	Dr. Anoop Velayudhan Scientist 'F' ICMR, New Delhi	Dr. Rima R. Sahay Scientist D (Medical) and Biosafety Officer Assistant Professor, Faculty of Medical Research- AcSIR, Maximum Containment Facility, ICMR, Pune, India Dr. Neha Nityadarshini Senior Scientific Consultant, National One Health Mission – PMU Team, (ICMR), Headquarters, New Delhi Dr. Manickam Ponnaiah Scientist F (Epidemiology) Professor, Faculty of Medical Research- AcSIR ICMR National Institute of Epidemiology, Chennai, Tamil Nadu Dr. Arun T. R. Scientist C, National Institute of One Health, Nagpur

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6	OUTBREAK INVESTIGATION: A MICROBIOLOGIST'S TOOLKIT VENUE: ROOM NO G05, ANATOMY DEMO ROOM 2, GROUND FLOOR ACADEMIC BUILDING, AIIMS NAGPUR	Dr. Aruna Poojary Laboratory Director & IPC In-charge, Breach Candy Hospital Trust, Mumbai	Dr. Jayalakshmi Jayrajan Professor and Head of Microbiology, KMCH Institute of Health Sciences & Research, Coimbatore Dr. Rajni Gaind Professor and Academic Head, Dept. of Microbiology North DMC Medical College and associated Hindu Rao Hospital, Delhi Dr. Sweta Shah Lead Consultant, Microbiology & Infection Control, Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital and Research Institute, Mumbai Dr. Ranganathan Iyer Director, Clinical Microbiology, Infections and Infection Control, Rainbow Children's Hospital, Hyderabad Dr. Ashwini Tayade Director –Ishra Health (centre of excellence for Infectious disease & adult immunization), Nagpur Assistant Professor, DMMC, Sawangi. Consultant, Wockhardt Hospital, Kingsway/Kims Hospital Dr. Madhavi Deshmukh Consultant Clinical Microbiologist, Dhruv Diagnostics, Nagpur Dr. Nitin Shinde Senior Consultant, Infectious Diseases and Internal Medicine, KIMS Kingsway Hospital, Nagpur
7	HANDS-ON WORKSHOP ON ANAEROBIC CULTURE TECHNIQUE & IDENTIFICATION 'BEYOND OXYGEN: CULTURING THE INVISIBLE' VENUE: ROOM NO 406, MICROBIOLOGY PRACTICAL HALL, 4TH FLOOR, ACADEMIC BUILDING, AIIMS NAGPUR	Dr. Shashwati Nema Professor, Department of Microbiology AIIMS Bhopal	Dr. Beena Antony Professor, Department of Microbiology, Father Muller Medical College, Mangalore Dr. Bhawna Sharma Professor, Department of Microbiology, VMMC & Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi Dr. Tanu Sagar Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology, AIIMS, New Delhi

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8	INTEGRATED APPROACH TO UTI VENUE: ROOM NO 310, COMMUNITY MEDICINE, 3RD FLOOR, ACADEMIC BUILDING, AIIMS NAGPUR	Dr. Sarita Mohapatra Professor, Department of Microbiology, AIIMS, New Delhi	Dr. Manish Soneja Professor, Department of Medicine, AIIMS, New Delhi Dr. Meher Rizvi Professor, Department of Microbiology & Immunology Sultan Qaboos University Muscat, Oman Dr. Shwetha J. V. Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology, Bengaluru Medical College and Research Institute, Bengaluru Dr. Sneha K. Chunchanur Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology, Bengaluru Medical College and Research Institute, Bengaluru Dr. Arunkumar Subbiah Associate Professor, Department of Nephrology, AIIMS, New Delhi Dr. Pranav Rai JR, Department of Microbiology, AIIMS, New Delhi
9	FROM RESEARCH TO PUBLICATION: MASTERING SCIENTIFIC WRITING VENUE: ROOM NO 312, PHARMACOLOGY DEMO ROOM, 3RD FLOOR, ACADEMIC BUILDING AIIMS NAGPUR	Dr. Sangeeta Joshi Editor-in-Chief, IJMM, Consultant Microbiologist, Infection control officer, Sahyadri Hospital, Pune	Dr. Ranganathan Iyer Director, Clinical Microbiology, Infections and Infection Control, Rainbow Children's Hospital Group, Hyderabad Dr. Jaswinder Kaur Oberoi Chairperson & Senior Consultant Associate Editor, IJMM, Institute of Clinical Microbiology and Immunology, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi Dr. Shankar Subramanian Director General Medical Services (Navy) Deputy Chief of Integrated Defence Staff (Medical) Dr. Shilpi Khanna Managing Editor IJMM Past: Senior Consultant and Head, Clinical Microbiology and Molecular Deputy Head, Laboratories Maharaja Agrasen Hospital, Punjabi Bagh, New Delhi
10	MYCOLOGY WORKSHOP: "CLINICAL MYCOLOGY: DIAGNOSTICS FROM BASICS, BIOMARKERS TO MOLECULAR APPROACHES"	Dr. Malini R. Capoor Professor, Department of Microbiology, VMMC & SJH, New Delhi	Dr. Dipak Thamke Professor, Department of Microbiology, MGIMS, Sevagram Dr. Abhijit M. Bal Consultant Microbiologist, National Health Service, UK Dr. Anup Kumar Ghosh Professor, Department of Medical Microbiology, PGIMER, Chandigarh

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	ROOM NO 108, PHYSIOLOGY HUMAN EXPERIMENT LAB, 1ST FLOOR, ACADEMIC BUILDING + FOR HANDS ON - ROOM NO G17, ANATOMY HISTOLOGY LAB, GROUND FLOOR ACADEMIC BUILDING, AIIMS NAGPUR		Dr. Sheetal Sharma Senior Resident, VMMC & SJH, New Delhi Dr. Vanlalruati Resident, VMMC & SJH, New Delhi Dr. Moumita Chakraborty Senior Resident, VMMC & SJH, New Delhi Ms. Mansi PhD Scholar Ms. Gauri Singhal PhD Scholar
11	A PRACTICAL APPROACH TO VIRAL CELL CULTURE ISOLATION TECHNIQUES VENUE: ROOM NO. 215, FORENSIC MEDICINE LAB, 2ND FLOOR, ACADEMIC BUILDING, AIIMS NAGPUR	Dr. Ishani Bora Additional Professor, Virology, PGIMER, Chandigarh	Dr. Subhabrata Sarkar Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology, PGIMER, Chandigarh Dr. Vishal Shete Associate Professor, Microbiology AIIMS Nagpur Dr. Bharatendu Singh Scientist B, RVRDL Mrs. Nisha Thakur PhD Scholar, Virology
12	CSSD - TRACELESS TASKFORCE TARGETING MICROBIAL THREATS VENUE: ANAESTHESIA SEMINAR ROOM, 1ST FLOOR, IPD BLOCK, NEAR CSSD, AIIMS NAGPUR	Dr. Soumyabrata Nag Member Secretary, CSSD Associate Professor, Department of Microbiology, AIIMS, Nagpur	Dr. Akshat Vij Consultant Microbiologist and Infection Control Officer, Medcover Hospital, Hyderabad Dr. Safaa Muneer Ahmed Head of Department, Clinical Microbiology and IPC, Renova Group of Hospitals & Tenet Diagnostics, Hyderabad Dr. Vijendra Kawle Senior Consultant Microbiology, Rainbow Children's Hospitals, Hyderabad, Telangana Secretary, IAMM TAPC State Chapter Ms. Neeta Amit Ghugare Assistant Manager, HOD, CSSD, Wockhardt Hospital Limited, Mumbai Central Mr. Shailesh Mehta Director, Medovation Inc.

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13	FROM PROTOCOL TO PRACTICE: CASE BASED DISCUSSIONS WITH MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM IN NEUTROPENIC PATIENTS VENUE: NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE, NAGPUR	Dr. Sonali Mangesh Choudhari Consultant Clinical Microbiologist and Hospital Infection Control, National Cancer Institute, Nagpur	Dr. Pradeep Mishra Head of Department, Internal Medicine and Critical Care, National Cancer Institute, Nagpur Dr. Pankaj Dwivedi Senior Consultant and HOD, Paediatric Haemato-oncology, National Cancer Institute, Nagpur Dr. Aruna Poojary Laboratory Director & IPC In-charge, Breach Candy Hospital Trust, Mumbai Dr. Anusha Karunasagar Speciality Doctor, NHS and HSL-HWE Lead-Microbiology, The Princess Alexandra Hospital NHS Trust, United Kingdom HSL Laboratories – United Kingdom Adjunct Professor-K S Hegde Medical Academy, Mangaluru Dr. Jerestin Watchmaker Consultant Microbiologist, National Cancer Institute, Nagpur Dr. Amol Gulkari Consultant Radiologist, National Cancer Institute, Nagpur Dr. Girish Chandrashekhar Deshpande Senior Physician & Intensivist, National Cancer Institute, Nagpur Dr. Ketan Modak Consultant Hematologist and Bone Marrow Transplant Physician, National Cancer Institute, Nagpur Dr. Sumedha Mehani Specialty Medical Officer (Clinical Microbiology) National Cancer Institute, Nagpur
14	NEXT GENERATION SEQUENCING FOR HOSPITAL WASTE WATER SURVEILLANCE: FROM PANDEMIC PREPAREDNESS TO AMR DETECTION (2 DAYS WORKSHOP- 28TH AND 29TH OCTOBER 2026)	Dr. Rajesh Karyakarte Dean (PG and Research), Professor and Head, Department of Microbiology, BJ Government Medical College, Pune Dr. Varsha Potdar Scientist 'E' National Institute of Virology, Pune	Dr. Mahesh S. Dharne Chief Scientist, CSIR-National Chemical Laboratory, Pune Dr. Rashmita Das Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology, BJ Government Medical College, Pune Dr. Sushma Yanamandra Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology, BJ Government Medical College, Pune

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	VENUE: ROOM NO 39, YOGA ROOM, 1ST FLOOR, VRDL, AYUSH BUILDING + VRDL LABORATORY, AIIMS NAGPUR		Ms. Sai Prashant Joshi Project Associate II, CSIR-National Chemical Laboratory, Pune Ms. Rinka Sanatan Pramanik Senior Project Associate, CSIR-National Chemical Laboratory, Pune Mr. Shivam Bhosale Project Associate - 1, CSIR-National Chemical Laboratory, Pune Mrs. Veena Vipat Sr Technical officer NIV, Pune Mr. Santoshkumar Jadhav Sr Technical Officer NIV, Pune
15	THE RIGHT TEST. THE RIGHT TIME. THE RIGHT THERAPY. (HARNESSING SYNDROMIC DIAGNOSTICS FOR RATIONAL ANTIMICROBIAL USE) VENUE: ROOM NO 208, FMT DEMO ROOM, BACK SIDE, 2ND FLOOR, ACADEMIC BUILDING, AIIMS NAGPUR	Dr. Devjani De Lead - Medical Affairs, Biomerieux India	Dr. Shahzad Mirza Professor and Head, Department of Microbiology, Dr. D.Y. Patil Medical College and Research Centre, Pune Dr. Ashwini Tayade Director -Ishra Health (centre of excellence for Infectious disease & adult immunization), Nagpur Assistant Professor, DMMC, Sawangi. Consultant, Wockhardt Hospital, Kingsway/Kims Hospital Dr. Shikha Dhawan Consultant, Medical Affairs, BMX Dr. Archana Chawla Head of Medical Education and Training ASPAC, BMX
16	MICROBIOLOGY AUTOMATION & AMR/AMS VENUE: MS BOARD ROOM, GROUND FLOOR, MS OFFICE, IPD BLOCK, AIIMS NAGPUR	Dr. Yagnesh Thakar Director, Vishakha Clinical Microbiology Laboratory, Nagpur	Dr. Veenu Gupta Professor and Head, Microbiology, DMCH Ludhiana Dr. Swati Bhise Walke Additional Professor, Department of Microbiology, AIIMS, Nagpur Dr. Anuradha Deshmukh Laboratory Director, Senior Consultant Microbiology and IPCO, KIMS Kingsway Hospital, Nagpur Dr. Pooja Shendre Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology, AIIMS Nagpur

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17	SMART - AMS: STEWARDSHIP THROUGH MICROBIOLOGY, AST, RAPID DIAGNOSTICS AND TARGETED THERAPY VENUE: ROOM NO 517, MICROBIOLOGY DEMO ROOM, 5TH FLOOR, ACADEMIC BUILDING, AIIMS NAGPUR	Dr. Sumit Rai Professor & Head Department of Clinical Microbiology & Infectious Diseases, AIIMS, Mangalagiri	-
18	TINY LIVES, TIMELY CARE: INFECTION PREVENTION IN THE NICU VENUE: ROOM NO G05, AUDIO VISUAL LAB, GROUND FLOOR, NURSING COLLEGE BUILDING, AIIMS NAGPUR	Dr. Nizamuddin Noordin Damani Consultant & Advisor, Public Health Agency, Northern Ireland, UK	Dr. Meena R. Mishra Professor and Head Department of Microbiology, AIIMS Nagpur Dr. Neeta Gade Additional Professor, Department of Microbiology, AIIMS Nagpur Dr. Nishant Banait Associate Professor, Department of Neonatology, AIIMS Nagpur Dr. Prachala Rathod Associate Professor, Department of Microbiology, AIIMS Nagpur Dr. Arya Lakshmi Rajan SR, Department of Microbiology, AIIMS Nagpur
19	HEALTHCARE-ASSOCIATED INFECTION SURVEILLANCE VENUE: ROOM NO G04, LECTURE HALL 02, GROUND FLOOR, NURSING COLLEGE BUILDING, AIIMS NAGPUR	Dr. Apurba Sankar Sastry Professor, Department of Microbiology, Hospital Infection Control In-charge JIPMER, Puducherry	Dr. Purva Mathur Professor and Head, Microbiology Unit, Lab Medicine, Jaiprakash Narayan Apex Trauma Centre, AIIMS, New Delhi Dr. Benedict Vinothini HIC Fellow and SR, JIPMER, Puducherry Dr. Sarumathi D. Assistant Professor (Microbiology) AIIMS, Madurai Dr. Poulami Biswas HIC Fellow & Senior Resident JIPMER, Puducherry Dr. Mythili Praba S. Junior Resident, JIPMER, Puducherry

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PRE-CONFERENCE CME I

THE GOLD STANDARD CIRCUIT: FROM LAB VALIDATION TO FRONTLINE DISINFECTION

VENUE: HOTEL LE MERIDIEN NAGPUR

Topic	Coordinator	Speakers
THE GOLD STANDARD CIRCUIT: FROM LAB VALIDATION TO FRONTLINE DISINFECTION	Dr. Purva Mathur Professor and Head, Microbiology Unit, Lab Medicine, Jaiprakash Narayan Apex Trauma Centre, AIIMS, New Delhi	Dr. Rajesh Karyakarte Dean (PG and Research), Professor and Head, Department of Microbiology, BJ Government Medical College, Pune
		Dr. Apurba Sankar Sastry Professor, Department of Microbiology, Hospital Infection Control In-charge, JIPMER, Puducherry
		Dr. Ujjala Ghoshal Professor & Head, Department of Microbiology, AIIMS Kalyani
		Dr. Jaswinder Kaur Oberoi Chairperson & Senior Consultant Associate Editor, IJMM, Institute of Clinical Microbiology and Immunology, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi
		Dr. Rungmei S. K. Marak Professor & HOD, Department of Microbiology & Infectious Diseases, SGPGIMS, Lucknow
		Dr. Jayalakshmi Jayrajan Professor and Head of Microbiology, KMCH Institute of Health Sciences & Research, Coimbatore
		Dr. Manisha Biswal Professor, PGIMER, Chandigarh
		Dr. Sanjay Bhattacharya Consultant in Microbiology, Tata Medical Center, Kolkata, West Bengal, India

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	Dr. Purva Mathur Professor and Head, Microbiology Unit, Lab Medicine, Jaiprakash Narayan Apex Trauma Centre, AIIMS, New Delhi	Dr. Malini R. Capoor Professor, Dept. of Microbiology, Kayakalp Unit and BMWM Unit In-charge, VMMC & Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi
		Dr. Vineeta Khare Professor and Head of Microbiology, Era Medical College, Lucknow
		Dr. Manodeep Sen Professor Microbiology, RML, Lucknow
		Dr. Prashant Gupta Professor, Dept. of Microbiology KGMC, Lucknow

PRE-CONFERENCE CME II		NEW AGE RAPID AST SOLUTIONS AND THEIR PIVOTAL ROLE IN TRANSFORMING DIAGNOSTIC STEWARDSHIP VENUE: EXAM HALL 1, AUDITORIUM BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, AIIMS, NAGPUR	
Topic	CO-ORDINATOR	Speakers	
FAST-TRACK SEPSIS: THE POWER OF RAPID AST	Dr. Debkishore Gupta Director & Head, Medical Affairs, South Asia, Biomerieux	Dr. Devjani De Medical Affairs Lead- India, BioMérieux, India	
		Dr. Deepak Jeswani Medical Director at Criticare Hospital & Research Institute, Nagpur	
		Dr. Cecilia Carvalhaes Director, Medical Microbiology, BioMérieux India	
		Dr. Anup Warriar Chief Medical Affairs & Quality Officer, Aster Hospital, Cochin	
		Dr. Shrikala Baliga Professor, Department of Microbiology; Director, KMC Laboratory Services, KMC Mangalore, Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Manipal	
		Dr. Stefan Weber Director Medical Operations, Union 71, (UAE)	

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PRE-CONFERENCE CME III	LEARNING CLINICAL MICROBIOLOGY BY CASES: PEARLS & PITFALLS IN RESPIRATORY INFECTIONS VENUE: EXAM HALL 2, AUDITORIUM BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, AIIMS, NAGPUR	
Topic	Coordinator	Speakers
APPROACH TO MANAGEMENT OF RESPIRATORY INFECTIONS AND BLOODSTREAM INFECTIONS- LEARNING BY CLINICAL CASES	Dr. Ranganathan Iyer Director, Clinical Microbiology, Rainbow Children's Hospital, Hyderabad	Dr. Sangeeta Joshi Editor-in-Chief, IJMM, Consultant Microbiologist, Infection control officer, Sahyadri Hospital, Pune
		Dr. Sumit Rai Professor & Head Department of Clinical Microbiology & Infectious Diseases, AIIMS, Mangalagiri
		Dr. Soumyabrata Nag Associate Professor, Microbiology, AIIMS Nagpur
		Dr. Aruna Poojary Lab.Director & IPC Incharge , Breach Candy Hospital

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INAUGURATION – 29th October 2026 (Thursday)

Time	Convention Hall
8 : 00 AM	Registration and Breakfast starts followed by Pre-Conference CMEs
04:00 - 05:00 PM	INDIAN COLLEGE OF MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGY CONVOCATION
05 : 45 PM Onwards	COMMENCEMENT OF INAUGURAL FUNCTION
7 : 00 – 7 : 30 PM	Presidential Oration – Prof. (Dr.) Chand Wattal Advisor, Professor, GRIPMER, Institute of Clinical Microbiology & Immunology, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi
7 : 30 onwards	Cultural Program followed by Inaugural Dinner

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CONFERENCE DAY 1		30-10-26 (Friday)	
CONVENTION HALL			
TIME	VENUE	MEET THE EXPERTS	
		HIDDEN WORLD OF TRANSPLANT INFECTIONS (SESSION THEME)	
8 : 00– 8 : 45 AM	HALL - 5 (Nursing Demo Room 1, ground floor, Paramedical building)	INVASIVE INFECTIONS INCLUDING BLOODSTREAM INFECTIONS IN THE LIVER TX RECIPIENT Dr. Ranganathan Iyer Director, Clinical Microbiology, Infections and Infection Control Rainbow Children's Hospital Group, Hyderabad	
		THE DETERIORATING KIDNEY TRANSPLANT RECIPIENT: RECURRENT INFECTION, CYTOPENIAS AND A DIAGNOSTIC DILEMMA Dr. Amol Ramesh Rao Bhawane Associate Professor, Department of Nephrology, AIIMS Nagpur	
		Chairperson: Dr. Prashant Gupta Professor, Dept. of Microbiology KGMC, Lucknow	Dr. Anand Chellappan Associate Professor, Department of Nephrology, AIIMS, Nagpur
	HALL - 6 (Nursing Demo Room 2, ground floor, Paramedical building)	HELICOBACTER PYLORI: FROM DETECTION TO DRUG RESISTANCE (SESSION THEME)	
		BEYOND DETECTION: UNMASKING DRUG-RESISTANT H. PYLORI Dr. Shalinie Perera Consultant Microbiologist, Western Diagnostic Pathology, Western Australia	
		ROLE OF H. PYLORI IN FORMATION OF GASTRIC CANCER Dr. Neelesh Shrivastava Assistant Professor, Department of Surgical Oncology, AIIMS Nagpur	
		Chairperson: Dr. Arvind Kurhade Lecturer, Medical Microbiology (Pathology Unit, Department of Para-Clinical Sciences), The University of the West Indies (UWI), St. Augustine Campus	Dr. Sheela Devi C Treasurer IAMM Professor Pondicherry Institute of Medical Sciences, Puducherry
	HALL - 7 (Anatomy Demo Room 1, ground floor, Medical college Building)	PITFALLS IN READING ANTIBIOGRAMS (SESSION THEME)	
		NUANCES OF AST REPORTS Dr. Sumit Rai Professor and Head, Department of Clinical Microbiology & Infectious Diseases, AIIMS Mangalagiri	
INTERPRETING BLOOD CULTURE REPORTS IN THE CLINICAL SCENARIO: CASE-BASED CHALLENGES Dr. Parikshit Prayag Consultant, Transplant Infectious Diseases Deenanath Mangeshkar Hospital, Pune			
CHAIRPERSONS : Dr. Bhaskar Thakuria Professor & Head, Microbiology, AIIMS Patna		Dr. Gopal Nandlal Agrawal Vice Dean (PG) Professor and Head Indira Gandhi Government Medical College, Nagpur	

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CONVENTION HALL		
TIME	VENUE	MEET THE EXPERTS
8 : 00– 8 : 45 AM	HALL - 8 (Anatomy Demo Room 2, ground floor, Medical college Building)	RELEVANCE OF BIOINFORMATICS IN CLINICAL MICROBIOLOGY (SESSION THEME)
		LEVERAGING MULTIOMICS AND MACHINE- LEARNING IN VIROLOGY RESEARCH : BIOMARKER AND ANTIVIRAL DRUG DELIVERY Dr. Sarah Cherian Scientist G, Bioinformatics & Data Management Division, NIV, Pune Chairperson: Dr. Ashok Pathak Dean, Yavatmal Medical College Retired Professor, GMC, Nagpur Dr. Varsha Potdar Scientist 'E' National Institute of Virology, Pune
8 : 00 - 9 : 00 AM	FREE CATEGORY POSTER PRESENTATION VENUE: ANATOMY/ NURSING CORRIDOR, AIIMS NAGPUR	

9 : 00 - 10 : 00 AM	DR. K.B. SHARMA MEMORIAL JUNIOR BEST PAPER AWARD VENUE: HALL 1 (MAIN AUDITORIUM, AIIMS NAGPUR)
10 : 00 - 10 : 30 AM	DR. S.C. AGARWAL ORATION AWARD VENUE: HALL - 1 (MAIN AUDITORIUM, AIIMS, NAGPUR) TITLE - TOWARDS THE ELIMINATION OF VIRAL HEPATITIS FROM INDIA Dr. Ekta Gupta Professor & Head, Department of Clinical Virology, Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences, New Delhi
10 : 30 - 11 : 00 AM	IAMM ENDOWMENT ORATION AWARD VENUE: HALL - 1 (MAIN AUDITORIUM, AIIMS, NAGPUR) TITLE - INTESTINAL OPPORTUNISTIC AND OTHER PARASITIC INFECTIONS IN INDIA: NAVIGATING AN UNCHARTED PATH Dr. Ujjala Ghoshal Professor & Head, Department of Microbiology, AIIMS Kalyani
11 : 00 - 11 : 15 AM	TEA

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11 : 15 – 12 : 30 PM	PLENARY SESSIONS VENUE: HALL - 1 (MAIN AUDITORIUM, AIIMS NAGPUR)		
	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 VENUE: HALL - 1 (MAIN AUDITORIUM, AIIMS NAGPUR)		
	TOPIC	SPEAKER	CHAIRPERSON
	FIGHTING THE PATHOGENIC FIRE WITH FLOW CELLS : FRONTLINE IMMUNE MONITORING IN OUTBREAKS.	Dr. Vainav Patel Professor, AcSIR & Head, Viral Immunopathogenesis Lab, ICMR-NIRWoH, Parel, Mumbai	Dr. Shashikala Nair Professor & Head of the Department of Microbiology, Pondicherry Institute of Medical Sciences, Puducherry Dr. Shashi Gandhi Dean, Sunderlal Patwa Government College, Mandsaur
INTEGRATED MICROBIOME IMMUNE SIGNATURES IN HIV- TB	Dr. Vikrant Bhor Scientist F & Head Department of Molecular Immunology & Microbiology, ICMR-NIRWoH, Parel Mumbai		
IMMUNOLOGY OF MATERNAL HCMV INFECTION : IMPLICATIONS FOR ADVERSE PREGNANCY OUTCOMES	Dr. Rungmei S. K. Marak Professor & HOD, Department of Microbiology & Infectious Diseases, SGPGIMS, Lucknow		
12 : 30 – 01 : 00 PM	KEYNOTE ADDRESS VENUE: HALL - 1 (MAIN AUDITORIUM, AIIMS NAGPUR)		
	TOPIC: BUILDING A PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY NETWORK IN INDIA SPEAKER: Dr. Sandhya Kabra Director, NCDC and Deputy Commissioner, MOHFW Chairperson: Dr. Yagnesh Thakar Director, Vishakha Clinical Microbiology Laboratory, Nagpur Dr. Sangeeta Joshi Executive Council Member, IAMM Consultant Microbiology, Infection control officer, Sahyadri Hospital, Pune		
1 : 00 – 2 : 00 PM	LUNCH		
1:00 - 1:30 PM	IAMM QUIZ SCREENING ROUND Venue: Hall 1 (Main Auditorium, AIIMS Nagpur)		
2 : 00 - 4 : 00 PM	IAMM Award Sessions Venue: 3rd Floor Auditorium BUILDING		

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DEBATE (Parallel Session)		
VENUE: HALL - 1 (MAIN AUDITORIUM, AIIMS NAGPUR)		
2 : 00 - 3 : 00 PM	TOPIC: SYNDROMIC PANELS ARE HELPING CLINICAL DECISION-MAKING	
	MODERATOR: Dr. Camilla Rodrigues	
	Head of Department of Lab Medicine, Senior Consultant Microbiologist & Chair, Infection Prevention and Control P. D. Hinduja Hospital, Mumbai	
	DEBATERS :	
2 : 00 - 3 : 00 PM	FOR :	1. Dr. Preeti Ajapuje
		Infectious diseases consultant at Apollo Hospital, Pune
		Transplant ID consultant at DY Patil Hospital, Pune
		2. Dr. Bansidhar Tarai
		Director & Head, Microbiology, Molecular Diagnostics & Infection Control, MAX Hospital, Delhi
	AGAINST:	1. Dr. Chhaya Chande
	Professor, Microbiology, B.J.G.M.C., Pune	
	2. Dr. Nirmal Jaiswal	
	Chief Intensivist & Head, Department of Medicine & Critical Care, Suretech Group of Hospitals, Nagpur	
	Chairperson:	
	Dr. Bharti Malhotra	Dr. Anju Kagal
	Past President IAMM	Executive Council Member, IAMM
	Sr. Professor, Microbiology, SMS Medical College, Jaipur	Retired Professor, BJMC, Pune
3 : 00 - 3 : 30 PM	TEA	
	2 : 00 - 5 : 00 PM	
	Free Category Oral Papers and Poster presentation	

PARALLEL SYMPOSIA - Day 1 (30.10.2026) 3 : 30 - 5 : 00 PM - Auditorium Hall THEME: MICROBIOME MATTERS: GUT HEALTH CHATTERS VENUE: HALL 1 (MAIN AUDITORIUM, AIIMS NAGPUR)		
SN	Topic	Speaker
1	GUT MICROBIOME, CLOSTRIDIUM DIFFICILE INFECTION & FAECAL TRANSPLANTATION	Dr. Shrikant Ambalkar Consultant & Head of Service, Department of Clinical Microbiology & Infection, Sherwood Forest Hospital, NHS, UK
2	PROBIOTICS, PREBIOTICS & SYNBOTICS: SAFE OPTIONS FOR NEW THERAPEUTICS	Dr. Dimple Kasana Additional Director & Head of the Department, National Center for Disease Control, Delhi
3	SUPER DONORS AND MICROBIOME IN NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS AND HEART FAILURE	Dr. Nirmal Kumar Ganguly Past President IAMM Chairman, Department of Biotechnology and Research, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital. President, Probiotic and Gut Microbiota Science Foundation
Chairperson: Lt. Gen. D. Raghunath (Retired) Former, Director General, Armed Forces Medical Services, Armed Forces Medical College, Pune Dr. R. D. Kulkarni Past President, IAMM Professor, Department of Microbiology SDM College of Medical Sciences & Hospital, Dharwad		

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3: 30- 5: 00 PM

THEME: RARE EMERGING AGENTS (RICKETTSIA, EMERGOMYCES, EMERGING PARASITES)

VENUE: HALL 2 (EXAM HALL 1, AUDITORIUM BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, AIIMS NAGPUR)

SN	Topic	Speaker
1	RICKETTSIA AND RARE EMERGING BACTERIA	Dr. Manisha Biswal Professor, Dept of Microbiology, PGIMER, Chandigarh
2	EMERGOMYCES AND RARE EMERGING FUNGI	Dr. Malini R. Capoor Professor, Microbiology, Vardhman Mahavir Medical College & Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi
3	EMERGING RARE PARASITIC INFECTIONS : ROLE IN CARCINOGENESIS-THE MISSING LINK	Dr. Tuhina Banerjee Professor & Head, Dept of Microbiology, Institute of Medical Sciences Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi
Chairperson - Dr. Jagdish Chander Former Professor & Head Department of Microbiology, Government Medical College & Hospital, Chandigarh.		Dr. Priti Agarwal Professor and Head Department of Microbiology AIIMS, Bilaspur, Himachal Pradesh

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3 : 30- 5 : 00 PM - EXAM HALL 2

THEME: PULMONARY MYCOSES: DIAGNOSTIC CHALLENGES

VENUE: HALL 3 (EXAM HALL 2, AUDITORIUM BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, AIIMS NAGPUR)

SN	Topic	Speaker
1	EPIDEMIOLOGY : SPECTRUM AND EMERGENCE	Dr. Jayanthi Savio Professor & Head, Department of Microbiology St. John's Medical College, Bengaluru
2	WHEN TO SUSPECT PULMONARY MYCOSES AND DIAGNOSTIC ALGORITHM	Dr. Shivaprakash M Rudramurthy Professor & Head, Dept of Microbiology, PGIMER, Chandigarh
3	INTERPRETATION OF NON-CULTURE-BASED DIAGNOSIS	Dr. Priyanka Narain Associate Professor, Dept of Microbiology, Patna Medical College, Bihar
Chairpersons - Dr. Arunaloake Chakrabarti Past President IAMM, ISHAM, ISMM Director, Doodhadhari Burfani Hospital and Research Institute, Haridwar		Dr. Shukla Das Head, Director, Professor, Department of Microbiology UCMS & GTBH Delhi

4 : 00 - 6 : 00 PM
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Executive Council
Meeting

Venue :
Conference Room,
Admin Block,
AIIMS, Nagpur

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

VENUE: HALL - 1 (MAIN AUDITORIUM, AIIMS NAGPUR)

TIME	INDUSTRIAL SESSIONS
5 : 00 - 6 : 00 PM	TOPIC: EVALUATING DISINFECTANTS USING EN/ASTM STANDARDS SPEAKER: Dr. Benedict Vinothini A. HIC Fellow and SR, Department of Microbiology, JIPMER, Puducherry Moderator: Dr. Apurba Sankar Sastry Professor, Department of Microbiology, Hospital Infection Control In-charge, JIPMER, Puducherry 1. HYGIENIC HAND-RUB TESTING (EN 1500) 2. SUSPENSION TESTS – BASIC AND SPECIALISED (EN 1040 AND OTHERS) 3. CARRIER/SURFACE TESTS (AOAC USE DILUTION TEST) 4. KELSEY-SYKES CAPACITY TEST
Chairperson: Dr. Ujjwala Gaikwad Professor, Department of Microbiology, AIIMS, Raipur Dr. S. K. Akulwar Veteran Medical Professional Associate, Department of Microbiology, GMC, Nagpur	

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

THEME: ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE IN HOSPITALS: CLOSING THE GAPS

VENUE: HALL - 2 (EXAM HALL 1, AUDITORIUM BUILDING, AIIMS NAGPUR)

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
5:00-5:10 PM	THE INVISIBLE RESERVOIR: WHY IT MATTERS?	Dr. Lata Sheoran Consultant Microbiologist, Yatharth Wellness Super Speciality Hospital & Heart Centre, Noida
5:10-5:30PM	ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANING: BEST PRACTICES IN HIGH RISK SETTINGS	Dr. Veenu Gupta Prof & Head Department of Microbiology, DMCH, Ludhiana
5:30-5:50 PM	ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEILLANCE: WHAT, WHERE & WHEN?	Dr. Jaswinder Kaur Oberoi Chairperson & Senior Consultant Associate Editor, IJMM, Institute of Clinical Microbiology and Immunology, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi
5:50-6:00 PM	FROM "LOOKS CLEAN" TO "IS IT CLEAN?": AUDITS & KPIS	Dr. Lata Sheoran Consultant Microbiologist, Yatharth Wellness Super Speciality Hospital & Heart Centre, Noida
Chairperson: Dr. Atul Rukadikar Associate Professor & In-charge, Department of Microbiology, AIIMS, Gorakhpur Dr. Saurabh G. Agarwal Professor and Head, Microbiology Chirayu Medical College and Hospital, Bhopal MP		

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5:00 - 6:00 PM

VENUE: HALL - 3 (EXAM HALL 2, AUDITORIUM BUILDING, AIIMS NAGPUR)

TIME	SPEAKERS
5 : 00 - 6 : 00 PM	TOPIC - THE SEPSIS CARE CONTINUUM: FROM DIAGNOSTICS TO INTERVENTION – A MULTIDISCIPLINARY DIALOGUE Dr. Parikshit Prayag Consultant, Transplant Infectious Diseases Deenanath Mangeshkar Hospital, Pune Dr. Subhash Kr. Todi Director of the Department of Critical Care Manipal Hospitals, Kolkata Dr. Meena R. Mishra Professor & Head, Department of Microbiology AIIMS Nagpur Dr. Sankar Sengupta Medical Superintendent & Professor, Microbiology CNCI, Kolkata Dr. Debkishore Gupta Director & Head, Medical Affairs - South Asia, Biomérieux, India Dr. Cecilia Carvalhaes Director, Medical Microbiology Specialists bioMérieux India
Chairperson:	Dr. Ajit Shreeram Damle Professor Emeritus, RK Damani Medical College, Shriramchandra Institute of Medical Sciences, Chh. Sambhajnagar Dr. Pramod R. Bhise Professor and Head, Department of Microbiology, Dr. Panjabrao Alias Bhausaheb Deshmukh Memorial Medical College, Amravati
7 : 00 PM Onwards	NETWORKING DINNER

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CONVENTION HALL

TIME	VENUE	MEET THE EXPERTS
8:00 – 8:45 AM	HALL - 5 (Nursing Demo Room 1, ground floor, Paramedical building)	BONE & PROSTHETIC JOINT INFECTION (SESSION THEME)
		NAVIGATING THE DIAGNOSTIC JOURNEY OF PJIS: FROM OPERATION ROOM TO BENCH Dr. Aruna Poojary Laboratory Director & IPC In-charge, Breach Candy Hospital Trust, Mumbai THE JOURNEY OF A PJI PATIENT: FROM DIAGNOSIS TO RECOVERY Dr. Aditya Menon Orthopedics Consultant, P.D. Hinduja Hospital, Mumbai CHAIRPERSONS: Dr. Manideepa SenGupta Professor & Head, Department of Microbiology, Mandakini Institute of Medical Sciences & Hospital, Ranaghat, West Bengal Dr. Sunita Gajbhiye Professor, Microbiology Government Medical College (GMC), Nagpur
	HALL - 6 (Nursing Demo Room 2, ground floor, Paramedical building)	FROM CULTURE/AST TO MOLECULAR TESTING- QUALITY MATTERS (SESSION THEME)
		TOO SENSITIVE, TOO RESISTANT? QUALITY ISSUES BEHIND AST DISCREPANCIES - Dr. Sonal Saxena Director Professor and Head, Maulana Azad Medical College New Delhi FROM EXTRACTION TO CT VALUES: THE QUALITY CHAIN IN MOLECULAR TESTING- Dr. Bharti Malhotra Past President IAMM Sr. Professor, Microbiology, SMS Medical College, Jaipur CHAIRPERSONS : Dr. Vimala Venkatesh Professor & Head, Department of Microbiology, King George's Medical University, Lucknow Dr. Neena Nagdeo Dean Academics, Datta Meghe University of Medical Sciences, Nagpur

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TIME	VENUE	MEET THE EXPERTS
8 : 00 – 8 : 45 AM	HALL - 7 (Anatomy Demo Room 1, ground floor, Medical college Building)	OCULAR MICROBIOLOGY DIAGNOSTICS (SESSION THEME)
		MICROBIOLOGICAL DIAGNOSIS OF EYE INFECTIONS- NUANCES OF SPECIMEN COLLECTION AND ROUTINE DIAGNOSIS OF VIRAL AND NON-VIRAL EYE INFECTIONS - Dr. Savitri Sharma Network Director Emeritus, Laboratory Services, LV Prasad Institute, Hyderabad UNCOMMON OCULAR PATHOGENS, MOLECULAR DIAGNOSIS AND METAGENOMIC APPROACH IN THE DIAGNOSIS OF EYE INFECTIONS - Dr. Nishat Hussain Ahmed Professor, Ocular Microbiology, Dr. R.P.C., AIIMS Delhi CHAIRPERSONS : Dr. Sanjay More Professor and Head, Department of Microbiology, GMC, Nanded Dr. Kalpana Date Professor and Head, NKP Salve Institute of Medical Sciences & RC and LMH, Nagpur
8 : 00 – 9 : 00 AM	HALL - 8 (Anatomy Demo Room 2, ground floor, Medical college Building)	THE SHIFTING MICROBIAL LANDSCAPE : WHAT TODAY'S MICROBIOLOGIST MUST ANTICIPATE (SESSION THEME)
		FROM PETRI DISH TO PATIENT: LESSONS FROM A LIFETIME IN MICROBIOLOGY Lt. Gen. D. Raghunath (Retired) Former Director General, Armed Forces Medical Services, Armed Forces Medical College, Pune WHEN CULTURE DOESN'T TELL THE WHOLE STORY: THE ID-MICROBIOLOGY DILEMMA Dr. Ashwini Tayade Director -Ishra Health (centre of excellence for Infectious disease & adult immunization), Nagpur Assistant Professor, DMMC, Sawangi. Consultant, Wockhardt Hospital, Kingsway/Kims Hospital CHAIRPERSONS : Dr. Pratima Gupta Professor & Head, Department of Microbiology, AIIMS, Rishikesh Dr. Balram Ji Omar Professor, Department of Microbiology, AIIMS, Rishikesh, Uttarakhand
8 : 00 – 9 : 00 AM	FREE CATEGORY POSTER PRESENTATION VENUE: ANATOMY/ NURSING CORRIDOR, AIIMS NAGPUR	

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TIME		
09 : 00 – 10 : 00 AM	IAMM QUIZ VENUE: HALL - 1 (MAIN AUDITORIUM, AIIMS NAGPUR)	
10 : 00 – 11 : 00 AM	Dr. S. R. SENGUPTA IAMM SYMPOSIUM	
	TOPIC: ONE HEALTH AND JOINT OUTBREAK RESPONSE MODERATOR: Dr. Mala Chhabra Consultant Microbiologist, Associate Dean (Research), Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital & Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi Panelist: Dr. Nivedita Gupta, Scientist G & Head, Division of Communicable Diseases, ICMR, Delhi Dr. Bharti Malhotra, Past President IAMM Sr. Professor, Microbiology, SMS Medical College, Jaipur Dr. Rahul Dhodapkar, Professor & Head, Dept. of Microbiology, JIPMER, Puducherry Dr. Nitin V. Kurkure, Director, Research, Maharashtra Animal & Fishery Science University, Nagpur	
11 : 00 – 11 : 30 AM Tea to be served	KEYNOTE ADDRESS VENUE: HALL- 1 (MAIN AUDITORIUM, AIIMS NAGPUR)	
	TOPIC : THE FUTURE OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES : PREDICT, PREVENT, PROTECT SPEAKER : Dr. Nivedita Gupta Scientist G & Head, Division of Communicable Diseases, ICMR, Delhi CHAIRPERSONS: Dr. Reba Kanungo Former Prof. and Head, Dept. of Microbiology, Pondicherry Institute of Medical Sciences, Puducherry Dr. V. Ravi Head, Clinical Excellence, TATA MD, Bangalore , Karnataka	
11 : 30 - 12 : 00 PM	KEYNOTE ADDRESS VENUE: HALL - 1 (MAIN AUDITORIUM, AIIMS NAGPUR)	
	TOPIC : CHALLENGES IN DIAGNOSIS OF UNUSUAL PARASITES AND USE OF E-DIAGNOSIS SPEAKER : Dr. Harshavardhan Sheorey Staff Specialist in Microbiology St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne & Royal Melbourne Hospital, Australia CHAIRPERSON: Dr. Vilas Jahagirdar Retired Dean, GMC Miraj; former Professor and HOD, Microbiology, VMGMC Solapur Brig. Dr. A. Nagendra Past president, IAMM Retired Medical Officer, Indian Armed Forces	
12 : 00 – 01 : 30 PM	GENERAL BODY MEETING VENUE: HALL - 1 (MAIN AUDITORIUM, AIIMS NAGPUR)	
01 : 30 – 02 : 30 PM	LUNCH	

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2 : 00 - 4 : 00 PM	IAMM AWARD SESSIONS VENUE: 3RD FLOOR AUDITORIUM BUILDING	
02 : 30 – 03 : 30 PM	PLENARY SESSIONS (DAY - 2)	
	TOPIC : INTERESTING CASE DISCUSSION MODERATOR : Dr. Aruna Poojary Laboratory Director & IPC Incharge, Breach Candy Hospital Trust, Mumbai PANELIST : Dr. Nitin Shinde Senior Consultant, Infectious Diseases and Internal Medicine, KIMS Kingsway Hospital, Nagpur Dr. Samir Dwidmuthe Professor & Head, Dept. of Orthopaedics, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Nagpur Format Overview - Theme : Real-time Grand Round – Interactive & Unscripted - Case Source : Selected from cases submitted by Young Trailblazer	2 : 00 - 5 : 00 PM FREE CATEGORY ORAL PAPER AND POSTER PRESENTATION

PARALLEL SYMPOSIA - Day 2 (31.10.2026) 3 : 30 – 5 : 00 PM THEME : ONE HEALTH IN ACTION : INTEGRATING HUMAN, ANIMAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH VENUE: HALL - 1 (MAIN AUDITORIUM, AIIMS NAGPUR)		
SN	Topic	Speaker
1	WATER, WASTE & BUGS : ENVIRONMENTAL PATHWAYS TO AMR	Dr. Jyoti Iravane Professor & Head, Department of Microbiology GMC, Shambaji Nagar
2	IMPLICATIONS OF THE ONE HEALTH PARADIGM FOR CLINICAL MICROBIOLOGY	Dr. Nayana Ingole Laboratory Head, Additional Professor, Department of Microbiology, Kasturba Hospital for Infectious Diseases, Chinchpokli, Mumbai
3	COLLABORATE TO CONTAIN : MULTISECTORAL STRATEGIES FOR HEALTH SECURITY	Dr. Pragya D. Yadav 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	Dr. Vivek Agwan Professor and HOD, Department of Microbiology, Shri Rawatpura Sarkar Institute of Medical Sciences and Research, Naya Raipur, C.G.

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PARALLEL SYMPOSIA - Day 2 (31.10.2026) 3 : 30 – 5 : 00 PM THEME : CULTURE THE UNCULTURED : ADVANCES IN ANAEROBIC INFECTION DIAGNOSIS VENUE: HALL - 2 (EXAM HALL 1, AUDITORIUM BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, AIIMS NAGPUR)		
SN	Topic	Speaker
1	FROM NEGLECT TO NECESSITY: UNMASKING ANAEROBES IN CULTURE-NEGATIVE INFECTIONS	Dr. Padmaja A Shenoy Associate Professor Department of Microbiology, KMC Manipal
2	CONVENTIONAL VS AUTOMATIONS: DIAGNOSTIC DILEMMA	Dr. Shashwati Nema Professor, Department of Microbiology AIIMS Bhopal
3	DECODING VIRULENCE AND RESISTANCE IN CLINICALLY SIGNIFICANT ANAEROBES	Dr. Archana Angrup Additional Professor, Department of Medical Microbiology, PGIMER, Chandigarh
CHAIRPERSONS: Dr. C.S. Patil Professor and Head Microbiology, USM KLE Belagavi Dr. Chandrashekhar N. Chaudhari Former Professor of Microbiology & Head, Laboratory Services, AFMC Pune & Apollo Hospitals, Navi Mumbai		

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 VENUE: HALL - 3 (EXAM HALL 2, AUDITORIUM BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, AIIMS NAGPUR)		
SN	Topic	Speaker
1	DIAGNOSTIC STEWARDSHIP IN THE AGE OF AUTOMATION : RESTORING THE CLINICAL REASONING	Dr. Vikas Manchanda Professor, Dept of Microbiology Maulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi
2	FROM OVER-TESTING TO TEST WHAT MATTERS	Dr. Umabala Pamidimukkala Professor & Head, Dept Microbiology, Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences, Hyderabad
3	SPEED WITH SENSE : RATIONAL USE OF RAPID DIAGNOSTICS	Dr. V. Balaji Professor, Dept of Microbiology, CMC, Vellore
4	CLINICAL IMPACT & COST-EFFECTIVENESS IN INFECTIOUS DISEASES	Dr. Devjani De Medical Affairs Lead - India Biomerieux
5	FROM PATHOGEN TO PRESCRIPTION : THE CLINICAL POWER OF TIMELY DIAGNOSTICS	Dr. Anup Warriar Chief Medical Affairs & Quality Officer Aster Hospital, Cochin
Chairperson : Dr. Rajni Gaiind Professor and Academic Head, Dept. of Microbiology North DMC Medical College and associated Hindu Rao Hospital, Delhi Dr. Jaswinder Kaur Oberoi Chairperson & Senior Consultant Associate Editor, IJMM, Institute of Clinical Microbiology and Immunology, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi		

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ZUVERLASSE - BEYOND THE VENTILATOR: BREAKING THE CHAIN OF INFECTION IN VENTILATOR-ASSOCIATED PNEUMONIA (VAP)

VENUE: HALL - 1 (MAIN AUDITORIUM, AIIMS NAGPUR)

Timing	TOPIC	SPEAKER
5:00 PM – 5:15 PM	VAP: UNDERSTANDING THE MICROBIOLOGY BEHIND THE INFECTION	Dr. Anupma Jyoti Kindo Associate Dean, Professor & Head Department of Microbiology Birsra Institute of Medical Sciences & Research, Ranchi
5:15 PM – 5:30 PM	VAE SURVEILLANCE	Dr. Chinmoy Sahu Professor, Department of Microbiology SGPGIMS, Lucknow
5:30 PM – 5:45 PM	TERMINAL DISINFECTION AND REPROCESSING OF RESPIRATORY EQUIPMENT	Dr. Ankur Goyal Professor & Head SN Medical College, Agra
5:45 PM – 6:00 PM	BREAKING THE CHAIN: PREVENTING VAP IN ICU THROUGH BUNDLE CARE	Dr. Nidhi Tejan Assistant Professor Department of Microbiology SGPGIMS, Lucknow
Moderator: Dr. Rungmei S. K. Marak Professor & Head, Department of Microbiology & Infectious Diseases, SGPGIMS, Lucknow		

INDUSTRIAL SESSIONS - DAY 2 (31.10.2026) 5 : 00 to 6 : 00 PM

BIOMERIEUX - PANEL DISCUSSION ON DIGITAL INNOVATION, AUTOMATION & ACTIONABLE INTELLIGENCE

VENUE: HALL - 2 (EXAM HALL 1, AUDITORIUM BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, AIIMS NAGPUR)

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

CHAIRPERSON: **Dr. Rajendra Surpam**
Vice Dean, Professor and Head of Microbiology, K.M.S.K
Government Medical College, Chandrapur

Dr. Anuradha De
Former Professor, T. N. Medical College, Mumbai

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INDUSTRIAL SESSIONS - DAY 2 (31.10.2026) 5:00 to 6:00 PM

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

VENUE: HALL - 3 (EXAM HALL 2, AUDITORIUM BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, AIIMS NAGPUR)

Time	Topic	Speakers
5:00 PM - 5:10 PM	SEPSIS 2026: PRACTICE-CHANGING INSIGHTS YOU CAN'T IGNORE	Dr. Nitin Shinde (ID Physician) 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	Dr. Arunaloke Chakrabarti Past President IAMM, ISHAM, ISMM Director, Doodhadhari Burfani Hospital and Research Institute, Haridwar
5:20 PM - 5:35 PM	PEDIATRIC BSI'S- IMPLEMENTING EFFECTIVE DIAGNOSTIC STEWARDSHIP- CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES	Dr. Ranganathan Iyer Director Clinical Microbiology, Infections and Infection Control Rainbow Children's Hospital Group
5:35 PM - 6:00 PM	CLINICAL VIGNETTES: DIAGNOSTIC AND MANAGEMENT CHALLENGES IN BSI/SEPSIS	Moderator: Dr. Arunaloke Chakrabarti Panelists: Dr. Ranganathan Iyer Dr. Shahzad Mirza, Dr. Anuradha Deshmukh, Dr. Nitin Shinde

07: 00 pm Onwards
BANQUET DINNER (VCA, NAGPUR)

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TIME	VENUE	MEET THE EXPERTS
8 : 00 – 8 : 45 AM	HALL - 5 (Nursing Demo Room 1, ground floor, Paramedical building)	THE NEXT PANDEMIC IN WAITING? (SESSION THEME)
		WHICH VIRUS COMES NEXT? PREPARING FOR THE NEXT PANDEMIC. Dr. Manickam Ponnaiah Scientist F (Epidemiology), Professor, Faculty of Medical Research- AcSIR ICMR National Institute of Epidemiology, Chennai, Tamil Nadu SOLUTION OF AMR - IS IAS PRACTICE (INSAAF) BY MICROBIOLOGIST? Dr. Prasan Kumar Panda Additional Professor, Department of Internal Medicine, AIIMS, Rishikesh, Secretary, SASPI CHAIRPERSONS: Dr. Rajesh Karyakarte Dean (PG and Research), Professor and Head, Department of Microbiology, BJ Government Medical College, Pune Dr. Ravindra Khadse Professor, Department of Microbiology, GMC , Nagpur
	HALL - 6 (Nursing Demo Room 2, ground floor, Paramedical building)	TWO LIVES AT STAKE: ARE WE MISSING INFECTIONS IN PREGNANCY? (SESSION THEME)
		ENDOSYMBIONT STRIKES BACK : MITOCHONDRIAL SIGNALS IN PLACENTAL INFECTION-DRIVEN PRETERM BIRTH - Dr. Siddhesh Aras Assistant Professor, Center for Molecular Medicine and Genetics, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Department of Oncology, Wayne State University School of Medicine TWO LIVES, ONE MICROBE: CRACKING THE CODE OF PREGNANCY LOSS Dr. Chaitanya Shembekar Gynaecologist & Fertility Consultant, Omega Hospitals, Nagpur CHAIRPERSONS: Dr. Seema Khetan Professor, Department of Microbiology, Government Medical College & Super Speciality Hospital, Nagpur Dr. Suchita Mundle Professor & Head, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, AIIMS, Nagpur

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TIME	VENUE	MEET THE EXPERTS
8 : 00 – 8 : 45 AM	HALL - 7 (Anatomy Demo Room 1, ground floor, Medical college Building)	LEPROSY & OTHER NEGLECTED TROPICAL DISEASES (SESSION THEME)
		THE SPECTRUM OF LEPROSY: FROM EARLY DIAGNOSIS TO DIFFICULT-TO-TREAT DISEASE Dr. Sanjiv Vijay Choudhary Professor & Head of Dermatology, Venereology and Leprology, AIIMS, Nagpur APPROACH TO NEGLECTED TROPICAL DISEASES Dr. Debasis Biswas Professor and Head, Department of Microbiology, AIIMS, Bhopal CHAIRPERSONS: Dr. Namrata Kumari Professor & HOD, Department of Microbiology, Indira Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences, Sheikhpura, Patna Dr. B. L. Sherwal Director, MAKG MC, Bahadurgarh
	HALL - 8 (Anatomy Demo Room 2, ground floor, Medical college Building)	WHEN TO STOP ANTIFUNGAL THERAPY (SESSION THEME)
		ANTIFUNGAL STEWARDSHIP: STARTING RIGHT, STOPPING RIGHT Dr. Rajashree Khot Professor, Department of Medicine, AIIMS, Nagpur WHEN TO STOP, WHEN TO SWITCH: A MICROBIOLOGIST'S GUIDE TO ANTIFUNGAL THERAPY Dr. Anjali Shetty Consultant Microbiologist, PD Hinduja, Mumbai CHAIRPERSONS: Dr. Ragini Tilak Professor, IMS BHU, Varanasi Dr. Mahantesh Nagmoti Professor, J N Medical College, Belagavi

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IAMM STUDENT SYMPOSIUM VENUE: HALL - 1 (MAIN AUDITORIUM, AIIMS NAGPUR)	
9 : 00 – 10 : 00 AM	TOPIC: SURVEILLANCE OF DEVICE-ASSOCIATED INFECTIONS MODERATOR : Dr. Purva Mathur Professor and Head, Microbiology Unit, Lab Medicine, Jaiprakash Narayan Apex Trauma Centre, AIIMS, New Delhi
KEYNOTE ADDRESS VENUE: HALL - 1 (MAIN AUDITORIUM, AIIMS NAGPUR)	
10 : 00 – 10 : 30 AM Tea to be served	TOPIC: IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL ACTION PLAN ON AMR 2.0 AT MEDICAL COLLEGES SPEAKER: Dr. Lata Kapoor Additional Director, NCDC, New Delhi CHAIRPERSON: Dr. Pratibha Narang Honorary Professor Dept. of Microbiology, MGIMS, Sevagram Dr. Jayaram Shanmugam Past President, IAMM Emeritus Professor -Rtd, MGMCRI,Puducherry
DEBATE VENUE: HALL - 1 (MAIN AUDITORIUM, AIIMS NAGPUR)	
10 : 30 AM - 11 : 30 AM	TOPIC: THE LAB VS THE PRESCRIPTION PAD: WHO REALLY CONTROLS AMR? MODERATOR: Dr. Abhay Chowdhary CEO, Urokul Kulkarni, Urology Institute, Pune DEBATERS: Microbiologists: 1. Dr. Sumit Rai Professor and Head, Department of Clinical Microbiology & Infectious Diseases, AIIMS Mangalagiri 2. Dr. Sanjay Bhattacharya Consultant in Microbiology, Tata Medical Center, Kolkata, West Bengal, India Clinicians: 1. Dr. Rathod Bharat Sing Deorao Additional Professor, Department of General Medicine, AIIMS, Nagpur 2. Dr. Anant Khot Additional Professor, Department of Pharmacology, AIIMS, Nagpur JUDGES: Dr. Bansidhar Tarai Director-Microbiology & Infection Control, Max Super Speciality Hospital, New Delhi Dr. Chirag Modi Director-Microbiology & Infection Control, Max Super Speciality Hospital, New Delhi

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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

VENUE: HALL - 2 (EXAM HALL 1, AUDITORIUM BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, AIIMS NAGPUR)

SN	Topic	Speaker
1	ADVANCES IN NTM DIAGNOSTICS : FROM CONVENTIONAL METHODS TO NEXT GENERATION SEQUENCING	Dr. Nilma Hirani Professor, Department of Microbiology, Grant Medical College & JJ hospital, Mumbai
2	DRUG SUSCEPTIBILITY TESTING IN NTM : CURRENT METHODS, CHALLENGES AND CLINICAL CORRELATION	Dr. Mandira Varma Basil Director, Professor, Vallabhbhai Patel Chest Institute, Delhi
3	ENVIRONMENTAL AND ONE HEALTH PERSPECTIVES IN NTM TRANSMISSION & SURVEILLANCE	Dr. Joy Sarojini Michael Senior Professor, Department of Clinical Microbiology, CMC, Vellore
4	TB DIAGNOSTICS AT A CROSSROADS: INTEGRATING RAPID MOLECULAR TESTS WITH CULTURE AND DST	Dr. Gaurav Salunke Professor Department of Microbiology, Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai

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Professor & Head, Dean, Research
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Professor & Head,
Dean(Research)Department of
Clinical Microbiology, 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

VENUE: HALL - 3 (EXAM HALL 2, AUDITORIUM BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, AIIMS NAGPUR)

SN	Topic	Speaker
1	FINDING THE CULPRIT : TARGETED APPROACH TO DIAGNOSE AES	Dr. Amita Jain Executive Director and CEO, AIIMS Raebareli Former Dean and Head of Microbiology King George's Medical University (KGMU), Lucknow.
2	THE LETHAL VIRAL TRIO: DIAGNOSTIC CHALLENGES IN RABIES, SSPE AND PML	Dr. Reeta S. Mani Professor & Head, Neurovirology, NIMHANS, Bangalore

Chairperson - **Dr. Sumi Nandwani**
Professor & Head
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Post Graduate Institute of Child Health, Noida

Dr. Uma Tendolkar
Professor, Dept. of Microbiology (Retd.),
Lokmanya Tilak Municipal Medical College &
General Hospital, Mumbai

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PARALLEL SYMPOSIA – Day 3

11 : 30 AM to 12 : 30 PM – HALL 3

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

VENUE: HALL- 1 (MAIN AUDITORIUM, AIIMS NAGPUR)

SN	Topic	Speaker
1	FROM PANDEMIC PANIC TO PATHOGEN INTELLIGENCE : ARE OUR SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS TRULY GENOMICS READY?	Dr. Rakesh Mishra Director, TIGS, Bangalore
2	THE SPILLOVER CONTINUUM: CLINICAL MANAGEMENT FROM EXPOSURE TO RECOVERY	Dr. (Prof.) Prashant P. Joshi MD (Medicine), MSc (Clinical Epidemiology, UNC Australia) Executive Director and CEO, AIIMS Nagpur

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Medical College New Delhi

12: 30 PM TO 01: 00 PM - VALEDICTORY

01 : 00 PM - ONWARDS LUNCH