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PRE - CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

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

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			Dr. Anuj Pandey Product Manager & Training and Development Specialist, Premas Life Sciences, New Delhi 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. Mahendra Varthi Assistant Professor, Department of Community Medicine, AIIMS Nagpur Dr. Jaya Prasad Tripathy Additional Professor, Department of Community Medicine, AIIMS Nagpur Dr. Rahul Narang Dean AIIMS Bibinagar and Professor & Head, Department of Microbiology, AIIMS Bibinagar
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

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			Dr. Arun T. R. Scientist C, National Institute of One Health, Nagpur
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. J. Jayalakshmi Professor and Head of Microbiology, KMCH Institute of Health Sciences & Research, Coimbatore Dr. Rajni Gaind Professor and Academic Head, Department of Microbiology, North DMC Medical College and associated Hindu Rao Hospital, Delhi 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, 4 TH 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, Mangaluru Dr. Bhawna Sharma Professor, Department of Microbiology, VMMC & Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi Dr. Tanu Sagar Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology, AIIMS, New Delhi
8	INTEGRATED APPROACH TO UTI	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

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	VENUE: ROOM NO 310, COMMUNITY MEDICINE, 3RD FLOOR, ACADEMIC BUILDING, AIIMS NAGPUR		<p>Dr. Shwetha J. V. Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology, Bengaluru Medical College and Research Institute, Bengaluru</p> <p>Dr. Sneha K. Chunchanur Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology, Bengaluru Medical College and Research Institute, Bengaluru</p> <p>Dr. Arunkumar Subbiah Associate Professor, Department of Nephrology, AIIMS, New Delhi</p> <p>Dr. Pranav Rai JR, Department of Microbiology, AIIMS, New Delhi</p>
9	<p>FROM RESEARCH TO PUBLICATION: MASTERING SCIENTIFIC WRITING</p> <p>VENUE: ROOM NO 312, PHARMACOLOGY DEMO ROOM, 3RD FLOOR, ACADEMIC BUILDING AIIMS NAGPUR</p>	<p>Dr. Sangeeta Joshi Editor- in-Chief, IJMM, Consultant Microbiologist, Infection control officer, Sahyadri Hospital, Pune</p>	<p>Dr. Ranganathan Iyer Director, Clinical Microbiology, Infections and Infection Control, Rainbow Children's Hospital Group, Hyderabad</p> <p>Dr. Jaswinder Kaur Oberoi Chairperson & Senior Consultant, Associate Editor, IJMM, Institute of Clinical Microbiology and Immunology, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi</p> <p>Dr. Shankar Subramanian Director General Medical Services (Navy) Deputy Chief of Integrated Defence Staff (Medical)</p> <p>Dr. Shilpi Khanna Sr. Consultant (Advisor), Clinical Microbiology and Infection Control, Managing Editor, IJMM EC Member: Indian Association of Medical Microbiologists- Delhi Chapter EC member: Women's Wing, Innovative Physician Forum</p>
10	<p>MYCOLOGY WORKSHOP: "CLINICAL MYCOLOGY: DIAGNOSTICS FROM BASICS, BIOMARKERS TO MOLECULAR APPROACHES"</p>	<p>Dr. Malini R. Capoor Professor, Department of Microbiology, VMMC & SJH, New Delhi</p>	<p>Dr. Dipak Thamke Professor, Department of Microbiology, MGIMS, Sevagram</p> <p>Dr. Abhijit M. Bal Consultant Microbiologist, National Health Service, UK</p> <p>Dr. Anup Kumar Ghosh Professor, Department of Medical Microbiology, PGIMER, Chandigarh</p>

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	ROOM NO. 108, PHYSIOLOGY HUMAN EXPERIMENT LAB, 1 ST FLOOR, ACADEMIC BUILDING + FOR HANDS-ON - ROOM NO. G17, ANATOMY HISTOLOGY LAB, GROUND FLOOR, ACADEMIC BUILDING, AIIMS NAGPUR		Dr. Vanlalruati Resident, VMMC & SJH, New Delhi Dr. Moumita Chakraborty Senior Resident, VMMC & SJH, New Delhi Ms. Mansi Kadiyan PhD Scholar, Department of Microbiology, VMMC & SJH, New Delhi Ms. Gauri Singhal PhD Scholar, Department of Microbiology, VMMC & SJH, New Delhi
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 Mrs. Nisha Thakur PhD Scholar, Virology, PGIMER, Chandigarh
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. Bengaluru, Karnataka

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

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	<p>VENUE: ROOM NO. 39, YOGA ROOM, 1ST FLOOR, VRDL, AYUSH BUILDING + VRDL LABORATORY, AIIMS NAGPUR</p>		<p>Ms. Sai Prashant Joshi Project Associate II, CSIR-National Chemical Laboratory, Pune</p> <p>Ms. Rinka Sanatan Pramanik Senior Project Associate, CSIR-National Chemical Laboratory, Pune</p> <p>Mr. Shivam Bhosale Project Associate - 1, CSIR-National Chemical Laboratory, Pune</p> <p>Mrs. Veena Vipat Sr. Technical Officer, NIV, Pune</p> <p>Mr. Santoshkumar Jadhav Sr Technical Officer NIV, Pune</p>
15	<p>THE RIGHT TEST. THE RIGHT TIME. THE RIGHT THERAPY. (HARNESSING SYNDROMIC DIAGNOSTICS FOR RATIONAL ANTIMICROBIAL USE)</p> <p>VENUE: ROOM NO. 208, FMT DEMO ROOM, BACK SIDE, 2ND FLOOR, ACADEMIC BUILDING, AIIMS NAGPUR</p>	<p>Dr. Devjani De Lead - Medical Affairs, bioMérieux India</p>	<p>Dr. Shahzad Mirza Professor and Head, Department of Microbiology, Dr. D.Y. Patil Medical College and Research Centre, Pune</p> <p>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</p> <p>Dr. Archana Chawla Head of Medical Education and Training, ASPAC, bioMérieux India</p>
16	<p>CLINICAL MICROBIOLOGY AUTOMATION : BEST PRACTICES IN BLOOD CULTURE, ID-AST, AMR DETECTION, AND QUALITY</p> <p>VENUE: MS BOARD ROOM, GROUND FLOOR, MS OFFICE, IPD BLOCK, AIIMS NAGPUR</p>	<p>Dr. Yagnesh Thakar Director, Vishakha Clinical Microbiology Laboratory, Nagpur Consultant Care Hospital, Nagpur</p>	<p>Dr. Veenu Gupta Professor and Head, Department of Microbiology, DMCH Ludhiana</p> <p>Dr. Swati Bhise Walke Additional Professor, Department of Microbiology, AIIMS, Nagpur</p> <p>Dr. Anuradha Deshmukh Laboratory Director, Senior Consultant Microbiology and IPCO, KIMS Kingsway Hospital, Nagpur</p> <p>Dr. Pooja Shendre Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology, AIIMS Nagpur</p>

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17	SMART - AMS: STEWARDSHIP THROUGH MICROBIOLOGY, AST, RAPID DIAGNOSTICS AND TARGETED THERAPY VENUE: ROOM NO. 404, RESEARCH LABORATORY, 4TH FLOOR, DEPT. OF MICROBIOLOGY, AIIMS NAGPUR	Dr. Sumit Rai Professor & Head, Department of Clinical Microbiology & Infectious Diseases, AIIMS, Mangalagiri	Dr. Gopal Nandlal Agrawal Vice Dean (PG), Professor and Head, Department of Microbiology Indira Gandhi Government Medical College, Nagpur
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, Department of Microbiology, JIPMER, Puducherry Dr. Sarumathi D. Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology, AIIMS, Madurai Dr. Poulami Biswas HIC Fellow & Senior Resident, Department of Microbiology, JIPMER, Puducherry Dr. Mythili Praba S. Junior Resident, Department of Microbiology, 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 & Head, Department of Microbiology & Infectious Diseases, SGPGIMS, Lucknow
		Dr. J. Jayalakshmi Professor and Head, Department of Microbiology, KMCH Institute of Health Sciences & Research, Coimbatore
		Dr. Manisha Biswal Professor, Department of Microbiology, 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, Department of Microbiology, Kayakalp Unit and BMWM Unit In-charge, VMMC & Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi
		Dr. Vineeta Khare Professor and Head, Department of Microbiology, Era Medical College, Lucknow
		Dr. Manodeep Sen Professor, Department of Microbiology, RML, Lucknow
		Dr. Prashant Gupta Professor, Department of Microbiology, KGMU, Lucknow

PRE-CONFERENCE CME II		FAST-TRACK SEPSIS: THE POWER OF RAPID AST 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 Mangaluru, Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Manipal	
		Dr. Stefan Weber Director Medical Operations, Union 71, (UAE)	

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PRE-CONFERENCE CME III	Approach to Management of Respiratory Infections and Bloodstream Infections - Learning by Clinical Cases 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, Infections and Infection Control Rainbow Children's Hospital Group, 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, Department of Microbiology, AIIMS Nagpur
		Dr. Aruna Poojary Lab. Director & IPC Incharge, Breach Candy Hospital, Mumbai

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

INAUGURATION – 29th October 2026 (Thursday)

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)	
TIME	VENUE	MEET THE EXPERTS	
		HIDDEN WORLD OF TRANSPLANT INFECTIONS (SESSION THEME)	
8 : 00– 8 : 45 AM	HALL - 5 (Room No. G05, Ground Floor, Nursing College 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, Department of Microbiology, KGMU, Lucknow	
			Dr. Anand Chellappan Associate Professor, Department of Nephrology, AIIMS, Nagpur
	HALL - 6 (Room No. G04, Lecture Hall 02, Ground Floor, Nursing College 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 (Room No. G05 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, Department of Microbiology, AIIMS Patna	
		Dr. Gopal Nandlal Agrawal Vice Dean (PG), Professor and Head, Department of Microbiology, Indira Gandhi Government Medical College, Nagpur	

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TIME	VENUE	MEET THE EXPERTS
8 : 00– 8 : 45 AM	HALL - 8 (Room No. G04 Anatomy Demo Room 2, Ground Floor, Medical College Building)	RELEVANCE OF BIOINFORMATICS IN CLINICAL MICROBIOLOGY (SESSION THEME)
		<p>LEVERAGING MULTIOMICS AND MACHINE- LEARNING IN VIROLOGY RESEARCH : BIOMARKER AND ANTIVIRAL DRUG DELIVERY</p> <p>Dr. Sarah Cherian Scientist G, Bioinformatics & Data Management Division, NIV, Pune</p> <p>Chairperson: Dr. Ashok Pathak Dean, Yavatmal Medical College Retired Professor, GMC, Nagpur</p> <p>Dr. Varsha Potdar Scientist 'E' National Institute of Virology, Pune</p>
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	<p>DR. S.C. AGARWAL ORATION AWARD VENUE: HALL - 1 (MAIN AUDITORIUM, AIIMS, NAGPUR)</p> <p>TOWARDS THE ELIMINATION OF VIRAL HEPATITIS FROM INDIA</p> <p>Dr. Ekta Gupta Professor & Head, Department of Clinical Virology, Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences, New Delhi</p>
10 : 30 - 11 : 00 AM	<p>IAMM ENDOWMENT ORATION AWARD VENUE: HALL - 1 (MAIN AUDITORIUM, AIIMS, NAGPUR)</p> <p>INTESTINAL OPPORTUNISTIC AND OTHER PARASITIC INFECTIONS IN INDIA: NAVIGATING AN UNCHARTED PATH</p> <p>Dr. Ujjala Ghoshal Professor & Head, Department of Microbiology, AIIMS Kalyani</p>
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)		
	BUILDING A PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY NETWORK IN INDIA		
	SPEAKER: Dr. Sandhya Kabra Director, NCDC and Deputy Commissioner, MOHFW Chairperson: <div>Dr. Yagnesh Thakar Director, Vishakha Clinical Microbiology Laboratory, Nagpur</div> <div>Dr. Sangeeta Joshi Executive Council Member, IAMM Consultant Microbiologist, Infection Control Officer, Sahyadri Hospital, Pune</div>		
1 : 00 – 2 : 00 PM	LUNCH		
1 : 30 – 1 : 45 PM	SOFT SURFACES, HARD PROBLEM: HOSPITAL TEXTILES AS UNDER-RECOGNISED RESERVOIRS OF HEALTHCARE-ASSOCIATED PATHOGENS		
	SPEAKER : Dr. Manodeep Sen MD, PDCC (Infectious Diseases) Professor, Department Of Microbiology Dr Ram Mohan Lohia Institute of Medical Science. Lucknow		
1 : 45 – 2 : 00 PM	BREAKING THE CULTURE BARRIER: DIRECT, RAPID SEPSIS & AMR DIAGNOSTICS		
	SPEAKER: Suparna Kerwar Product Manager- PCR Division Genes2Me		
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	
	VENUE: HALL - 1 (MAIN AUDITORIUM, AIIMS NAGPUR)	
2 : 00 - 3 : 00 PM	SYNDROMIC PANELS ARE HELPING CLINICAL DECISION-MAKING	2 : 00 - 5 : 00 PM Free Category Oral Papers and Poster presentation
	MODERATOR: Dr. Camilla Rodrigues Head of Department of Lab Medicine, Senior Consultant Microbiologist & Chair, Infection Prevention and Control, P. D. Hinduja Hospital, Mumbai	
	DEBATERS : FOR : 1. Dr. Preeti Ajapuje Infectious diseases consultant, Apollo Hospital, Pune Transplant ID consultant, 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 Past President IAMM Sr. Professor, Microbiology, SMS Medical College, Jaipur 	

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 & SYNBIOTICS: SAFE OPTIONS FOR NEW THERAPEUTICS	Dr. Dimple Kasana Additional Director & Head of the Department, RV, TB and BBTR Division, 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: <div> Lt. Gen. D. Raghunath (Retired) Past President, IAMM (1995) Ex-Director General, Armed Forces Medical Services. </div> <div> Dr. Raghavendra D. Kulkarni Past President, IAMM Professor, Department of Microbiology SDM College of Medical Sciences & Hospital, Dharwad </div>		

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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 Director, Professor & Head, Department of Microbiology, UCMS & GTBH Delhi

4 : 00 - 6 : 00 PM
IAMM
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	<p>EVALUATING DISINFECTANTS USING EN/ASTM STANDARDS SPEAKER: Dr. Benedict Vinothini A. HIC Fellow and SR, Department of Microbiology, JIPMER, Puducherry</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Apurba Sankar Sastry Professor, Department of Microbiology, Hospital Infection Control In-charge, JIPMER, Puducherry</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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
<p>Chairperson: Dr. Ujjwala Gaikwad Professor, Department of Microbiology, AIIMS, Raipur</p> <p>Dr. S. K. Akulwar Veteran Medical Professional Associate, Department of Microbiology, GMC, Nagpur</p>	

INDUSTRIAL SESSION - DAY 1 (30.10.2026)

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
<p>Chairperson: Dr. Atul Rukadikar Associate Professor & In-charge, Department of Microbiology, AIIMS, Gorakhpur</p> <p>Dr. Saurabh G. Agarwal Professor and Head, Microbiology Chirayu Medical College and Hospital, Bhopal MP</p>		

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INDUSTRIAL SESSION - DAY 1 (30.10.2026)

5:00 - 6:00 PM

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

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

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CONFERENCE DAY 2

(31 - 10-26) Saturday

TIME	VENUE	MEET THE EXPERTS
8:00 – 8:45 AM	HALL - 5 (Room No. G05, Ground Floor, Nursing College Building)	BONE & PROSTHETIC JOINT INFECTION (SESSION THEME)
		<p>NAVIGATING THE DIAGNOSTIC JOURNEY OF PJIS: FROM OPERATION ROOM TO BENCH</p> <p>Dr. Aruna Poojary Laboratory Director & IPC In-charge, Breach Candy Hospital Trust, Mumbai</p> <p>THE JOURNEY OF A PJI PATIENT: FROM DIAGNOSIS TO RECOVERY</p> <p>Dr. Aditya Menon Consultant Orthopedic Surgeon, Bone Infection Section, P.D. Hinduja Hospital & MRC, Mahim</p> <p>CHAIRPERSONS:</p> <div> <p>Dr. Manideepa SenGupta Professor & Head, Department of Microbiology, Mandakini Institute of Medical Sciences & Hospital, Ranaghat, West Bengal</p> <p>Dr. Sunita Gajbhiye Professor, Microbiology Government Medical College (GMC), Nagpur</p> </div>
	HALL - 6 (Room No. G04, Lecture Hall 02, Ground Floor, Nursing College Building)	FROM CULTURE/AST TO MOLECULAR TESTING- QUALITY MATTERS (SESSION THEME)
		<p>TOO SENSITIVE, TOO RESISTANT? QUALITY ISSUES BEHIND AST DISCREPANCIES -</p> <p>Dr. Sonal Saxena Director, Professor and Head, Maulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi</p> <p>FROM EXTRACTION TO CT VALUES: THE QUALITY CHAIN IN MOLECULAR TESTING-</p> <p>Dr. Bharti Malhotra Past President IAMM Sr. Professor, Microbiology, SMS Medical College, Jaipur</p> <p>CHAIRPERSONS :</p> <div> <p>Dr. Vimala Venkatesh Professor & Head, Department of Microbiology, King George's Medical University, Lucknow</p> <p>Dr. Neena Nagdeo Dean Academics, Datta Meghe University of Medical Sciences, Nagpur</p> </div>

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CONFERENCE DAY 2

(31 - 10-26) Saturday

TIME	VENUE	MEET THE EXPERTS
8 : 00 – 8 : 45 AM	HALL - 7 (Room No. G05 Anatomy Demo Room 1, Ground Floor, Medical College Building)	OCULAR MICROBIOLOGY DIAGNOSTICS (SESSION THEME)
		<p>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</p> <p>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</p> <p>CHAIRPERSONS :</p> <div> <p>Dr. Sanjay More Professor and Head, Department of Microbiology, GMC, Nanded</p> <p>Dr. Kalpana Date Professor and Head, NKP Salve Institute of Medical Sciences & RC and LMH, Nagpur</p> </div>
	HALL - 8 (Room No. G04 Anatomy Demo Room 2, Ground Floor, Medical College Building)	THE SHIFTING MICROBIAL LANDSCAPE : WHAT TODAY'S MICROBIOLOGIST MUST ANTICIPATE (SESSION THEME)
		<p>FROM PETRI DISH TO PATIENT: LESSONS FROM A LIFETIME IN MICROBIOLOGY Lt. Gen. D. Raghunath (Retired) Past President IAMM (1995), Ex-Director General, Armed Forces Medical Services.</p> <p>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</p> <p>CHAIRPERSONS :</p> <div> <p>Dr. Vilas Jahagirdar Retired Dean, GMC Miraj Former Professor and HOD Microbiology, VMGMC Solapur</p> <p>Dr. Balram Ji Omar Professor, Department of Microbiology, AIIMS, Rishikesh</p> </div>
8 : 00 - 9 : 00 AM	FREE CATEGORY POSTER PRESENTATION VENUE: AUDITORIUM – GROUND FLOOR, AIIMS NAGPUR	

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CONFERENCE DAY 2		(31 - 10 - 2026) Saturday
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	
	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	KEYNOTE ADDRESS VENUE: HALL- 1 (MAIN AUDITORIUM, AIIMS NAGPUR)	
	THE FUTURE OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES : PREDICT, PREVENT, PROTECT SPEAKER : Dr. Nivedita Gupta Scientist G & Head, Division of Communicable Diseases, ICMR, Delhi Tea to be served CHAIRPERSONS: <div> Dr. Reba Kanungo Former Prof. and Head, Dept. of Microbiology, Pondicherry Institute of Medical Sciences, Puducherry </div> <div> Dr. V. Ravi Head, Clinical Excellence, TATA MD, Bangalore , Karnataka </div>	
11 : 30 - 12 : 00 PM	KEYNOTE ADDRESS VENUE: HALL - 1 (MAIN AUDITORIUM, AIIMS NAGPUR)	
	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: <div> Dr. Vilas Jahagirdar Retired Dean, GMC Miraj Former Professor and HOD Microbiology, VMGMC Solapur </div> <div> Brig. Dr. A. Nagendra Past president, IAMM Retired Medical Officer, Indian Armed Forces </div>	
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)	
	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	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, Chatrapati Sambhajanagar
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 Sarker 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: <div> Dr. C. S. Patil Ex-Principal, S. N. Medical College, Bagalkot. President, IAMM 1999, PGIMER, Chandigarh </div> <div> Dr. Chandrashekhar N. Chaudhari Former Professor of Microbiology & Head, Laboratory Services, AFMC Pune & Apollo Hospitals, Navi Mumbai </div>		

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, Department of Microbiology, Maulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi
2	FROM OVER-TESTING TO TEST WHAT MATTERS	Dr. Umabala Pamidimukkala Professor & Head, Department of Microbiology, Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences, Hyderabad
3	SPEED WITH SENSE : RATIONAL USE OF RAPID DIAGNOSTICS	Dr. V. Balaji Professor, Department 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 : <div> Dr. Rajni Gaiind Professor and Academic Head, Department of Microbiology North DMC Medical College and Associated Hindu Rao Hospital, Delhi </div> <div> Dr. Jaswinder Kaur Oberoi Chairperson & Senior Consultant Associate Editor, IJMM, Institute of Clinical Microbiology and Immunology, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi </div>		

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

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, Department of Microbiology, 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 Laboratory Director & IPC In-charge, Breach Candy Hospital Trust, Mumbai
	4. Dr. Rupali Suryawanshi Head, Department of 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. Sarfaraz Ahmed
ex-associate professor, Department of Microbiology,
IGGMC, Nagpur

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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 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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CONFERENCE DAY 3

(01- 11- 26) Sunday

TIME	VENUE	MEET THE EXPERTS
8 : 00 – 8 : 45 AM	HALL - 5 (Room No. G05, Ground Floor, Nursing College Building)	THE NEXT PANDEMIC IN WAITING? (SESSION THEME)
		<p>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</p> <p>SOLUTION OF AMR - IS IAS PRACTICE (INSAAF) BY MICROBIOLOGIST? Dr. Prasan Kumar Panda Additional Professor, Department of Internal Medicine, AIIMS, Rishikesh, Secretary, SASPI</p> <p>CHAIRPERSONS: Dr. Rajesh Karyakarte Dean (PG and Research), Professor and Head, Department of Microbiology, BJ Government Medical College, Pune</p> <p>Dr. Ravindra Khadse Professor, Department of Microbiology, GMC , Nagpur</p>
	HALL - 6 (Room No. G04, Lecture Hall 02, Ground Floor, Nursing College Building)	TWO LIVES AT STAKE: ARE WE MISSING INFECTIONS IN PREGNANCY? (SESSION THEME)
		<p>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</p> <p>TWO LIVES, ONE MICROBE: CRACKING THE CODE OF PREGNANCY LOSS Dr. Chaitanya Shembekar Gynaecologist & Fertility Consultant, Omega Hospitals, Nagpur</p> <p>CHAIRPERSONS: Dr. Seema Khetan Professor, Department of Microbiology, Government Medical College & Super Speciality Hospital, Nagpur</p> <p>Dr. Suchita Mundle Professor & Head, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, AIIMS, Nagpur</p>

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TIME	VENUE	MEET THE EXPERTS
8 : 00 – 8 : 45 AM	HALL - 7 (Room No. G05 Anatomy Demo Room 1, Ground Floor, Medical College Building)	LEPROSY & OTHER NEGLECTED TROPICAL DISEASES (SESSION THEME)
		<p>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</p> <p>APPROACH TO NEGLECTED TROPICAL DISEASES Dr. Debasis Biswas Professor and Head, Department of Microbiology, AIIMS, Bhopal</p> <p>CHAIRPERSONS: Dr. Namrata Kumari Professor & HOD, Department of Microbiology, Indira Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences, Sheikhpura, Patna</p> <p>Dr. B. L. Sherwal Director, MAKG MC, Bahadurgarh</p>
	HALL - 8 (Room No. G04 Anatomy Demo Room 2, Ground Floor, Medical College Building)	WHEN TO STOP ANTIFUNGAL THERAPY (SESSION THEME)
		<p>ANTIFUNGAL STEWARDSHIP: STARTING RIGHT, STOPPING RIGHT Dr. Rajashree Khot Professor, Department of Medicine, AIIMS, Nagpur</p> <p>WHEN TO STOP, WHEN TO SWITCH: A MICROBIOLOGIST'S GUIDE TO ANTIFUNGAL THERAPY Dr. Anjali Shetty Consultant Microbiologist, PD Hinduja, Mumbai</p> <p>CHAIRPERSONS: Dr. Ragini Tilak Professor, Department of Microbiology, IMS BHU, Varanasi</p> <p>Dr. Mahantesh Nagamoti Professor, Department of Microbiology, J. N. Medical College, Belagavi</p>

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<p>9 : 00 – 10 : 00 AM</p>	<p>IAMM STUDENT SYMPOSIUM VENUE: HALL - 1 (MAIN AUDITORIUM, AIIMS NAGPUR)</p> <p>SURVEILLANCE OF DEVICE-ASSOCIATED INFECTIONS</p> <p>MODERATOR : Dr. Purva Mathur Professor and Head, Microbiology Unit, Lab Medicine, Jaiprakash Narayan Apex Trauma Centre, AIIMS, New Delhi</p>
<p>10 : 00 – 10 : 30 AM Tea to be served</p>	<p>KEYNOTE ADDRESS VENUE: HALL - 1 (MAIN AUDITORIUM, AIIMS NAGPUR)</p> <p>IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL ACTION PLAN ON AMR 2.0 AT MEDICAL COLLEGES</p> <p>SPEAKER: Dr. Lata Kapoor Additional Director & Head, CBDDR & AMR Program Unit, NCDC, New Delhi</p> <p>CHAIRPERSON:</p> <div> <div> <p>Dr. Pratibha Narang Honorary Professor Department of Microbiology, MGIMS, Sevagram</p> </div> <div> <p>Dr. Jayaram Shanmugam Past President, IAMM Emeritus Professor -Rtd, MGMCRI,Puducherry</p> </div> </div>
<p>10 : 30 AM - 11 : 30 AM</p>	<p>DEBATE VENUE: HALL - 1 (MAIN AUDITORIUM, AIIMS NAGPUR)</p> <p>THE LAB VS THE PRESCRIPTION PAD: WHO REALLY CONTROLS AMR?</p> <p>MODERATOR: Dr. Abhay Chowdhary Past President, IAMM; Ex-Director, Haffkine Institute, Mumbai</p> <p>DEBATERS:</p> <p>For:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Sumit Rai Professor and Head, Department of Clinical Microbiology & Infectious Diseases, AIIMS Mangalagiri Dr. Sanjay Bhattacharya Consultant in Microbiology, Tata Medical Center, Kolkata, West Bengal, India <p>Against:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Bharat Rathod Additional Professor, Department of General Medicine, AIIMS, Nagpur Dr. Anant Khot Additional Professor, Department of Pharmacology, AIIMS, Nagpur <p>JUDGES:</p> <div> <div> <p>Dr. Bansidhar Tarai Director-Microbiology & Infection Control, Max Super Speciality Hospital, New Delhi</p> </div> <div> <p>Dr. Chirag Modi Director-Microbiology & Infection Control, Max Super Speciality Hospital, New Delhi</p> </div> </div>

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

11 : 30 AM TO 12 : 30 PM

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, Department of Microbiology 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

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

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11 : 30 AM to 12 : 30 PM

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	AES ON TARGET: EARLY ACTION, ROBUST SURVEILLANCE, LASTING IMPACT!	Dr. Rahul Dhodapkar Professor & Head, Department of Microbiology, JIPMER, Puducherry
3	TB DIAGNOSTICS AT A CROSSROADS: INTEGRATING RAPID MOLECULAR TESTS WITH CULTURE AND DST	Dr. Gaurav Salunke Professor Department of Microbiology, Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai

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

Dr. Uma Tendolkar
Retired Professor, Dept. of Microbiology,
Lokmanya Tilak Municipal Medical College &
General Hospital, Sion, Mumbai

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PARALLEL SYMPOSIA – Day 3

11 : 30 AM to 12 : 30 PM

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. Rajesh Karyakarte Dean (PG and Research), Professor and Head, Department of Microbiology, BJ Government Medical College, Pune
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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Dr. Sonal Saxena

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12: 30 PM TO 01: 00 PM - VALEDICTORY

01 : 00 PM - ONWARDS LUNCH