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Chairman, Scientific Committee: Prof. Vinay K. Kapoor · Organising Chairman: Dr. Himanshu Yadav · President, ESS: Dr. Vinod K. Singhal

Faculty participation and session timings are subject to confirmation. Live and as-live operative sessions follow the National Medical Commission's framework for live surgery; the transmitting centres and the procedures shown are those of the Organising Chairman's live-surgery plan and are confirmed with the centres; the operating surgeons are named as they confirm. Hall A (Sushruta Plenary Hall) carries two screens in its live sessions, each a live or as-live feed from the centre named. Hall B (Moynihan Hall) is a silent hall with four screens and headset audio: four specialty tracks, and in the live hours four live feeds. Hall C (Billroth Hall) carries the workshops and, in its free hours, the sessions shown; Hall D (Kocher Hall) is the e-poster display. The AMASI MMAS HPB course and the Jaipur Surgical Festival, held alongside the Congress, are published separately.

Programme at a glance

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Thursday 26 November 2026	**Vedant Acres (StayVista):** 09:00–15:00 Upper GI Endoscopy for Surgeons (W01) · then 15:00–18:00 Colonoscopy for Surgeons — the basics and sigmoidoscopy (W02) — day 2 with Dr Avinash Tank						
Friday 27 November 2026	**08:00** Live Operative Session I — Telerobotic Gastrectomy from Chennai (Screen **12:00** Inaugural Plenary — Presidential Oration, European Society of Surgery **13:30** Safe Chole, Every Time **15:20** Keynote Addresses **15:50** Inauguration of ESSURG 2026	**08:30** Piles in the Age of Choice **09:40** Fistula Wars **10:30** The Pelvic Floor, Rebooted **11:00** The Fissure Debate **11:30** The Angry Pancreas **12:30** Tuberculosis or Crohn's? **14:00** ↔ Live Operative Session II — live proctology — BSA Medical College & Ho **17:00** Best Paper Award Session (Qualifier) 1 **18:00** Surgeons' Cut	**08:30** Proctology 101 **09:30** Haemorrhoids: the Full Menu **10:30** Holding On, Letting Go **11:30** Abscess, Fissure, Fistula **12:20** Beyond the Piles **14:00** ↔ Live Operative Session II — live gastric bypass — Asian Bariatrics Plu **17:00** Source Control	**08:00** Scopes at Midnight **09:05** The Twisted Gut **10:25** Pressure Points **11:25** Research and Documentation in 2026 **14:00** ↔ Live Operative Session II — live surgery — Zen Hospital, Mumbai **17:00** Best Paper Award Session (Qualifier) 2	**08:30** Save the Rectum? **09:35** Colorectal on Camera **11:00** The Acute Abdomen, Decided **12:00** The Oesophagus, Minimally **12:30** Beyond the Gut **14:00** ↔ Live Operative Session II — live robotic right hemicolectomy — Amandee **17:00** Achalasia: POEM, Heller or Balloon?	**11:00** ESSURG Multi-Platform Robotic Surgery Academy **14:00** Complex Abdominal Wall Reconstruction — HSI Workshop (W13) **17:00** Surgical Skills Lab — Laparoscopic Suturing & Intracorporeal Knotting (W **19:15** Vascular Anastomosis & Reconstruction Skills Lab (W09)	**10:00** E-Poster Session **14:00** E-Poster Session

Date	Hall A — Sushruta	Hall B · Screen 1	Hall B · Screen 2	Hall B · Screen 3	Hall B · Screen 4	Hall C — Billroth	Hall D — e-posters
Saturday 28 November 2026	**08:30** Live Operative Session III — Weight-Loss & Metabolic Surgery: Teleroboti **11:30** ESS Guest Lecture **11:45** Podium Lectures **12:30** ESSURG Indian Master's Oration **14:00** The Injury Nobody Wants **15:00** It Takes a Team **16:30** Keynote Addresses **16:50** The Surgical Brain Challenge Quiz — What Would You Do Next?	**08:30** Groin Rules, Midnight Hernias **10:00** Making Surgeons **10:30** AWRSC Session — Abdominal Wall Reconstruction (AWR Surgeons' Community) **13:40** Consent, Courts and the Camera **14:00** ↔ Live Operative Session IV — laparoscopic pancreaticoduodenectomy (as-l **14:00** Robots Without Borders **17:00** The ESS–UEMS Forum on European surgical training, examinations and caree **17:45** Legends of ESS	**08:00** Best Paper Award Session (Qualifier) 3 **09:00** Best Paper Award Session (Qualifier) 4 **10:00** Bariatric Surgery in the GLP-1 Era **10:50** Bariatric on Camera **11:30** Ventral Verdicts **12:50** Prehabilitation and Postoperative Care **14:00** ↔ Live Operative Session IV — live HPB surgery 14:00–17:00 — Gleneagles **17:00** To Operate or Not **17:40** When Hernia Surgery Goes Wrong	**08:30** HPB on Camera **09:30** The Wound Whisperer **10:30** Wounds That Will Not Heal **11:30** The Tropical Liver and the Haematological Spleen **12:30** The Critical View **15:00** ↔ Live Operative Session IV — live surgery from 15:00 — KIMS Hospitals, **17:00** The Gallbladder Nobody Suspected **17:45** Industry Session — two sponsored talks (not part of the CME-accredited p	**08:30** First, Do No Harm **09:20** One Size Fits None **10:00** Best Paper Award Session (Qualifier) 5 **11:00** Best Video Award Session (Qualifiers) **14:00** The Bile Duct Decides **15:00** Heartburn to Hiatus **16:20** Small Patients, Big Decisions **16:50** Cancer Crossroads	**10:00** Surgical Skills Olympics — Open Category: heats **11:30** Surgical Skills Olympics — Open Category: final **13:00** Radiology for Surgeons — CT Abdomen & Pelvis Interpretation (W04) **16:00** AI for Surgeons: Practical Tools & Safe Adoption (W15)	**10:00** E-Poster Session — Batch 3 **14:00** E-Poster Session — Batch 4
Sunday 29 November 2026	**08:00** Live Operative Session V — Live Surgery from Manipal Hospital, Bengaluru **11:30** CME I· The Foregut **12:20** CME II· Colorectal Cancer 2026 **13:00** The Finalists **14:00** CME III· GI Oncology **15:00** Portal Hypertension on the Operating Table **15:45** Valedictory Function	**08:00** ↔ Live Operative Session VI — complex and redo hernia surgery (as-live) **11:30** The Thyroid Hour **12:30** The European View **13:00** The Adrenal Surprise **13:30** Best Video Award Session (Final) **14:00** Hide and Seek **14:30** Endocrine on Camera	**08:00** ↔ Live Operative Session VI — live upper GI / solid-organ surgery — KIMS **11:30** The Wall Rebuilt **12:30** Big Surgery, Smaller Cities **14:00** Mass in the Head of the Pancreas **15:00** Her Scalpel	**08:00** ↔ Live Operative Session VI — live laparoscopic Nissen fundoplication — **11:30** Diverticulitis, Decided **12:30** Chest, Belly, Blast **14:00** Code Red	**08:00** Master Video Session **09:30** Rare but Real **10:20** Borderline **11:30** District Hospital, World-Class Keyhole **12:30** Gastric Cancer 2026 **14:00** The Leak	**09:00** Multi-Platform Laser & Energy Procedures in Proctology **12:00** Surgical Stoma Formation, Maturation & Complications — surgeon module (W	

↔ = a live feed on that screen of Hall B (the session is printed under Hall B · Screens 1–4). Plenary sessions in Hall A are for all delegates.

Wednesday, 25 November 2026 — Pre-congress Day 1

Pre-congress courses 09:00–18:00 at Vedant Acres (StayVista), next to the Kalakriti Cultural & Convention Centre, one after the other: Upper GI Endoscopy for Surgeons 09:00–15:00, then Colonoscopy for Surgeons 15:00–18:00 — the same two courses run on both days (25 and 26 November). Registration from 08:30.

Vedant Acres (StayVista) — next to the Kalakriti Cultural & Convention Centre · Upper GI Endoscopy (W01) 09:00–15:00· Colonoscopy (W02) 15:00–18:00

09:00–15:00 Upper GI Endoscopy for Surgeons (W01)

Course coordinators Dr K. J. (Kawaljeet) Singh, Dr Sandeep Joglekar (United Kingdom), Prof. P. A. Jategaonkar and Dr Hemant Sharma· directors Dr Sandeep Joglekar (United Kingdom) and Dr Kawaljeet Singh· simulator, ex-vivo and video stations: scope handling, anatomy, biopsy, haemostasis, therapeutic upper GI endoscopy for the surgeon· 24 seats· therapeutic module: the endoscopic management of complications after bariatric surgery, and where endoscopic sleeve gastroplasty stands

Course coordinators: Dr. Kawaljeet Singh, Dr. Sandeep Joglekar (United Kingdom), Prof. Priyadarshan Anand Jategaonkar, Dr. Hemant Sharma

Workshop directors: Dr. Sandeep Joglekar (United Kingdom), Dr. Kawaljeet Singh

15:00–18:00 Colonoscopy for Surgeons — the basics and sigmoidoscopy (W02)

Course coordinators Dr K. J. (Kawaljeet) Singh, Dr Sandeep Joglekar (United Kingdom), Prof. P. A. Jategaonkar and Dr Hemant Sharma· course directors Dr Deepak Bansal and Dr Animesh Gupta· simulator and model stations: scope handling, loop reduction, caecal intubation, flexible sigmoidoscopy, polypectomy and lesion recognition· 24 seats· opening lecture on colorectal cancer screening· the malignant polyp

Course coordinators: Dr. Kawaljeet Singh, Dr. Sandeep Joglekar (United Kingdom), Prof. Priyadarshan Anand Jategaonkar, Dr. Hemant Sharma

Workshop directors: Dr. Deepak Bansal, Dr. Animesh Gupta, Dr. Prashant Pareek

Thursday, 26 November 2026 — Pre-congress Day 2

Pre-congress courses 09:00–18:00 at Vedant Acres (StayVista), one after the other: Upper GI Endoscopy for Surgeons 09:00–15:00, then Colonoscopy for Surgeons 15:00–18:00. Evening: Presidential Dinner.

Vedant Acres (StayVista) — next to the Kalakriti Cultural & Convention Centre · Upper GI Endoscopy (W01) 09:00–15:00· Colonoscopy (W02) 15:00–18:00 — day 2, with Dr Avinash Tank

09:00–15:00 Upper GI Endoscopy for Surgeons (W01)

Course coordinators Dr K. J. (Kawaljeet) Singh, Dr Sandeep Joglekar (United Kingdom), Prof. P. A. Jategaonkar, Dr Hemant Sharma and Dr Avinash Tank (26 Nov)· directors Dr Sandeep Joglekar (United Kingdom) and Dr Kawaljeet Singh· simulator, ex-vivo and video stations: scope handling, anatomy, biopsy, haemostasis, therapeutic upper GI endoscopy for the surgeon· 24 seats· therapeutic module: the endoscopic management of complications after bariatric surgery, and where endoscopic sleeve gastroplasty stands

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Workshop directors: Dr. Sandeep Joglekar (United Kingdom), Dr. Kawaljeet Singh

15:00–18:00 Colonoscopy for Surgeons — the basics and sigmoidoscopy (W02)

Course coordinators Dr K. J. (Kawaljeet) Singh, Dr Sandeep Joglekar (United Kingdom), Prof. P. A. Jategaonkar, Dr Hemant Sharma and Dr Avinash Tank (26 Nov)· course directors Dr Deepak Bansal and Dr Animesh Gupta· simulator and model stations: scope handling, loop reduction, caecal intubation, flexible sigmoidoscopy, polypectomy and lesion recognition· 24 seats· opening lecture on colorectal cancer screening· the malignant polyp

Course coordinators: Dr. Kawaljeet Singh, Dr. Sandeep Joglekar (United Kingdom), Prof. Priyadarshan Anand Jategaonkar, Dr. Hemant Sharma, Dr. Avinash Tank

Workshop directors: Dr. Deepak Bansal, Dr. Animesh Gupta, Dr. Prashant Pareek

Friday, 27 November 2026 — Congress Day 1

Hall A 08:00–17:00; Hall B 08:00–18:40. Debates follow the panel discussions through the day. Lunch: Hall A 13:00–13:30, after the Inaugural Plenary; Hall B Screen 2 from 13:10 and Screen 1 from 13:15; tea in the foyers through the day. Live surgery: Hall A 08:00–12:00 on two screens (Screen 1: telerobotic gastrectomy from GEM Hospital, Chennai; Screen 2: live surgery from Santokba Durlabhji Memorial Hospital, Jaipur) and Hall B 14:00–17:00 on all four screens (live proctology from BSA Medical College & Hospital, Delhi; laparoscopic gastric bypass from Asian Bariatrics Plus Hospital, Ahmedabad; live surgery from Zen Hospital, Mumbai; robotic colectomy from Amandeep Hospital, Amritsar). 12:00–13:00 Inaugural Plenary (Hall A). Hall A 13:30–15:20 Safe Chole; 15:20–15:50 Keynote Addresses; 15:50–17:00 Inauguration. Hall B Screen 1: proctology 08:30–11:30, The Angry Pancreas 11:30, Abdominal Tuberculosis 12:30; Screen 2: the Proctology Programme 08:30–13:10; Screen 3: emergency surgery, trauma and research 08:00–12:25; Screen 4 (from 08:30): rectal cancer, colorectal master videos, the acute abdomen, the oesophagus, sarcoma and melanoma. Hall B 17:00–18:30: Best Paper Award Qualifier 1 and Surgeons' Cut (Screen 1), Source Control (Screen 2), Best Paper Award Qualifier 2 (Screen 3), Achalasia (Screen 4). Hall C: Robotic Surgery Academy (W14) 11:00–13:00, the HSI workshop (W13) 14:00–17:00, then the Surgical Skills Lab modules W05, W06, W07 and the Vascular Anastomosis lab W09 17:00–20:00 (45 minutes each). Hall D: E-Poster Session — Batch 1 10:00–13:00 and Batch 2 14:00–17:00 (ten e-posters each).

Hall A — Sushruta Plenary Hall · Live telerobotic gastrectomy from GEM Chennai (Screen 1)· live surgery from SDMH Jaipur (Screen 2)· Inaugural Plenary 12:00· lunch 13:00–13:30· Safe Chole 13:30–15:20· Keynotes 15:20–15:50· Inauguration 15:50–17:00

Hall Moderators (Organising Committee): Dr. Abhinav Mittal, Dr. Karan Rawat, Dr. Prashant Pareek, Dr. Sharad Gupta

08:00–12:00 Live Operative Session I — Telerobotic Gastrectomy from Chennai (Screen 1)· Live Surgery from Santokba Durlabhji Memorial Hospital, Jaipur (Screen 2)

Screen 1, 08:00–12:00 — S07: telerobotic (remote-console) robotic distal / subtotal gastrectomy with D2 lymphadenectomy for gastric adenocarcinoma, the suprapancreatic lymphadenectomy and the reconstruction in the window — GEM Hospital, Chennai· Screen 2, 08:12–12:00 — live surgery from Santokba Durlabhji Memorial Hospital, Jaipur, in place of Pushpanjali Hospital, Agra: the difficult gallbladder and the bile duct (S02) 08:12–10:00, then the centre's second case 10:00–12:00

Convenors: Dr. Jagat Pal Singh, Dr. Manish Goyal, Dr. Anubhav Goel

08:00–09:30		**Screen 1: GEM Hospital, Chennai** Telerobotic (remote-console) robotic distal / subtotal gastrectomy with D2 lymphadenectomy for gastric adenocarcinoma — the suprapancreatic lymphadenectomy	**Operating:** Dr. Senthilnathan P. **Moderators:** Prof. Tom Glomsaker (Norway), Prof. Biju Pottakkat, Dr. Lokesh, Dr. Shrey Samant
09:30–10:45		**Screen 1: GEM Hospital, Chennai** Telerobotic gastrectomy — block 2: completion of the lymphadenectomy and the reconstruction	**Operating:** Dr. Senthilnathan P. **Moderators:** Dr. Yash Vardhan Sinha, Dr. Tseten Yonjen Tamang (Nepal), Dr. Siddhant Sarthak
10:45–12:00		**Screen 1: GEM Hospital, Chennai** Telerobotic gastrectomy — block 3: the reconstruction completed; questions to the surgeon over the link	**Operating:** Dr. Senthilnathan P. **Moderators:** Prof. Eran Sadot (Israel), Dr. Manjush, Dr. Sourish Mukherjee
08:12–09:06		**Screen 2: Santokba Durlabhji Memorial Hospital, Jaipur** Laparoscopic / robotic cholecystectomy for the difficult gallbladder — critical view of safety, ICG cholangiography, fundus-first and subtotal bail-out decisions	**Operating:** Dr. Rajesh Bhojwani **Moderators:** Prof. Wasif Mohammad Ali, Dr. Rakesh Kumar Singh, Dr. Rahul, Dr. Sumit Choudhary
09:06–10:00		**Screen 2: Santokba Durlabhji Memorial Hospital, Jaipur** Laparoscopic common bile duct exploration with choledochoscopic stone clearance — transcystic or transcholedochal; completion cholangiography; primary closure or stent; questions	**Operating:** Dr. Rajesh Bhojwani **Moderators:** Dr. Hemant Sharma, Dr. Sudeep Banerjee, Dr. H. Swamy Rajesh, Dr. Magan Mehrotra, Dr. Rajnish, Dr. Sunita Suman
10:00–11:00		**Screen 2: Santokba Durlabhji Memorial Hospital, Jaipur** Live surgery from SDMH, Jaipur — the second case of the morning	**Operating:** Dr. Rajesh Bhojwani **Moderators:** Dr. Nirjhar Raj Rakesh, Prof. Ender Dulundu (Türkiye), Dr. Vijay Ramachandran
11:00–12:00		**Screen 2: Santokba Durlabhji Memorial Hospital, Jaipur** Live surgery from SDMH, Jaipur — the second case continued; questions over the link	**Operating:** Dr. Rajesh Bhojwani **Moderators:** Dr. Kaushal Anand, Dr. Gajendra Bhati, Dr. Hemant Sharma, Dr. Ravindra, Dr. Vijay Kumar Goel, Dr. Laveena Balani

12:00–13:00 Inaugural Plenary — Presidential Oration, European Society of Surgery

Sushruta Plenary Hall (Hall A); all halls join

Chairpersons: Prof. Mario Testini (Italy), Prof. Ferdinando Cafiero (Italy), Prof. Alfonso Barbarisi (Italy), Dr. Himanshu Yadav, Prof. Arthur Felice (Malta)

12:00–12:05	5	Introduction and citation of the President	Prof. Antoni Szczepanik (Poland)
12:05–12:25	20	Presidential Oration	Dr. Vinod K. Singhal
12:25–12:40	15	History of the European Society of Surgery	Prof. Carmel Cutajar (Malta)
12:40–12:50	10	STEP in India	Prof. Vinay K. Kapoor
12:50–13:00	10	Felicitation of the President and the plenary speakers	Dr. Himanshu Yadav, Dr. Prashant Gupta

13:30–15:20 Safe Chole, Every Time — the culture of safety, the critical view, the stone in the duct and the gallbladder that fights back

Chairpersons: Dr. Rakesh Kumar Singh, Dr. Tarun Gupta, Dr. Gaurav Agarwal, Dr. Gautham Krishnamurthy, Dr. Karanbir Singh

13:30–13:40	10	A culture of safety: the AMASI Safe Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy Programme	Dr. Jugindra S.
13:40–13:50	10	When the Critical View Is Impossible: Bail Out Before You Burn Out	Dr. Senthilnathan P.
13:50–14:00	10	The Mirizzi Maze: Navigating the difficult Calot's Triangle	Dr. Sudesh Sharda
14:00–14:10	10	Pitfalls, complications and outcome in cholecystectomy	Prof. Rossen Madjov (Bulgaria)
14:10–14:20	10	How to manage CBD stones during a laparoscopic cholecystectomy	Prof. Tom Glomsaker (Norway)
14:20–14:30	10	Single-stage laparoscopic cholecystectomy with choledochotomy: a viable option for a complex problem	Prof. Wasif Mohammad Ali
14:30–14:40	10	Complex Gallbladder Surgery: Lessons from a liver transplant surgeon	Dr. Tseten Yonjen Tamang (Nepal)
14:40–14:50	10	The Venous Minefield: When Lap Chole Meets Portal Hypertension	Dr. Himanshu Yadav
14:50–15:00	10	The Gallbladder from Hell: When Every Move Matters	Prof. Amit Gupta
15:00–15:10	10	Failed biliary repair: planning the definitive reconstruction	Dr. Sanjay Singh Negi
15:10–15:20	10	Beyond reconstruction: liver transplantation for bile duct injury	Dr. Neerav Goyal

15:20–15:50 Keynote Addresses — three voices on the surgical decade ahead

Three addresses of 10 minutes before the Inauguration at 15:50 — Dr Sudhir Srivastava, Dr Shuchin Bajaj, Dr Shailesh Puntambekar (minimal access cancer surgery)

Chairpersons: Dr. Himanshu Yadav, Dr. Vinod K. Singhal

15:20–15:30	10	Keynote Address — Telerobotics in surgery	Dr. Sudhir Srivastava
15:30–15:40	10	Keynote Address — "World-Class Care, Within Reach: Building Healthcare for Bharat"	Dr. Shuchin Bajaj
15:40–15:50	10	Keynote Address — Beyond the Boundaries: Redefining What Is Possible in Minimal Access Cancer Surgery	Dr. Shailesh Puntambekar

15:50–17:00 Inauguration of ESSURG 2026

Sushruta Plenary Hall (Hall A)· all delegates· closes Day 1

15:50–15:58	8	Arrival of the Chief Guest and guests· lamp lighting· invocation	Dr. Vinod K. Singhal, Prof. Vinay K. Kapoor, Dr. Himanshu Yadav, Dr. Prashant Gupta, Prof. Antoni Szczepanik (Poland)
15:58–16:05	7	Welcome address — Chairman, Organising Committee	Dr. Himanshu Yadav
16:05–16:12	7	Address by the Chairman, Scientific Committee	Prof. Vinay K. Kapoor
16:12–16:19	7	Address by the Secretary General, ESS	Prof. Antoni Szczepanik (Poland)
16:19–16:26	7	Address by the President, European Society of Surgery	Dr. Vinod K. Singhal
16:26–16:33	7	Address by the Institutional Patron	Dr. Prashant Gupta
16:33–16:40	7	Address by the Organising Co-Chair	Dr. Prashant Lavania
16:40–16:45	5	Release of the Congress Souvenir, the JESS abstract supplement and the JSF, MMAS and Surgical Endoscopy brochures· release of the book by Prof. Vinay K. Kapoor· felicitation of the ESS Past Presidents present ('Legends of ESS')	Dr. Vinod K. Singhal, Prof. Vinay K. Kapoor, Prof. Ferdinando Cafiero (Italy), Prof. Guido Gasparri (Italy), Prof. Alfonso Barbarisi (Italy), Prof. Giorgi Giorgobiani (Georgia), Prof. Mario Testini (Italy), Prof. Rossen Madjov (Bulgaria), Prof. Carmel Cutajar (Malta), Prof. Ciprian Duță (Romania), Prof. Arthur Felice (Malta)
16:45–16:55	10	Address by the Chief Guest	
16:55–17:00	5	Vote of thanks — Organising Co-Chair	Dr. Ankur Bansal

Hall B — Moynihan Hall · Screens 1–4 — the live hours · Live Operative Session II, 14:00–17:00 — live proctology from BSA Medical College, Delhi (Screen 1)· gastric bypass from Asian Bariatrics Plus, Ahmedabad (Screen 2)· live surgery from Zen Hospital, Mumbai (Screen 3)· robotic colectomy from Amandeep Hospital, Amritsar (Screen 4)

14:00–17:00 Live Operative Session II — Live Proctology from BSA Medical College, Delhi (Screen 1)· Gastric Bypass from Ahmedabad (Screen 2)· Live Surgery from Zen Hospital, Mumbai (Screen 3)· Robotic Colectomy from Amritsar (Screen 4)

14:00–17:00 on four screens· Screen 1 — live proctology, BSA Medical College & Hospital, Delhi· Screen 2 — S03: laparoscopic Roux-en-Y gastric bypass with measured limbs and closure of the mesenteric defects — Asian Bariatrics Plus Hospital, Ahmedabad· Screen 3 — live surgery — Zen Hospital, Mumbai· Screen 4 — S08: robotic right hemicolectomy with complete mesocolic excision and central vascular ligation, ICG-guided, totally intracorporeal anastomosis — Amandeep Hospital (Ujala Cygnus), Amritsar

Convenors: Prof. Rajendra Mandia

14:00–15:00		**Screen 1: BSA Medical College & Hospital, Delhi** Live proctology — the first case	**Moderators:** Dr. Sadiq Akhtar, Dr. Mohd. Merajuddin (UAE), Dr. Nishant Benjamin, Dr. Raafat Samuel Fares (Egypt / Dubai)
15:00–16:00		**Screen 1: BSA Medical College & Hospital, Delhi** Live proctology — the second case	**Moderators:** Prof. Ram Daga, Dr. Vijay, Dr. Anubhav Goel
16:00–17:00		**Screen 1: BSA Medical College & Hospital, Delhi** Live proctology — the third hour; questions over the link	**Moderators:** Dr. Karan Rawat, Dr. Jagat Pal Singh, Dr. Juhi Singhal
14:00–15:00		**Screen 2: Asian Bariatrics Plus Hospital, Ahmedabad** Laparoscopic Roux-en-Y gastric bypass — block 1: the pouch and the measured limbs (the sleeve gastrectomy of the 'Sleeve Plus' pair as-live)	**Operating:** Dr. Mahendra Narwaria **Moderators:** Dr. Ayman Alwjali (Libya), Dr. Ahire Priya Padharinath, Dr. Nitin Goyal, Dr. Patta Radhakrishna
15:00–16:00		**Screen 2: Asian Bariatrics Plus Hospital, Ahmedabad** Laparoscopic Roux-en-Y gastric bypass — block 2: the anastomoses and the closure of the mesenteric defects	**Operating:** Dr. Mahendra Narwaria **Moderators:** Prof. Mario Testini (Italy), Prof. Guido Gasparri (Italy), Prof. Alfonso Barbarisi (Italy), Dr. Abhay Kumar
16:00–17:00		**Screen 2: Asian Bariatrics Plus Hospital, Ahmedabad** Laparoscopic Roux-en-Y gastric bypass — the third hour: leak test and closure; questions over the link	**Operating:** Dr. Mahendra Narwaria **Moderators:** Dr. Mukund Mundra, Dr. Nitin Goyal, Dr. Nisha Jain

14:00–15:00		**Screen 3: Zen Hospital, Mumbai** Live surgery	**Operating:** Dr. Roy Patankar **Moderators:** Dr. Yash Vardhan Sinha, Dr. Devendra Choudhary, Dr. Manish Goyal
15:00–16:00		**Screen 3: Zen Hospital, Mumbai** Live surgery	**Operating:** Dr. Roy Patankar **Moderators:** Prof. Eran Sadot (Israel), Dr. Ajay Verma
16:00–17:00		**Screen 3: Zen Hospital, Mumbai** Live surgery; questions over the link	**Operating:** Dr. Roy Patankar **Moderators:** Dr. Richa Jaiman, Dr. Sharad Gupta, Dr. J. P. S. Shakya
14:00–15:00		**Screen 4: Amandeep Hospital (Ujala Cygnus), Amritsar** Robotic right hemicolectomy with complete mesocolic excision and central vascular ligation (D3), ICG-guided — the CME and the central ligation	**Operating:** Dr. Sheshank Mahajan **Moderators:** Prof. Ajay Thakral, Dr. Anmol Ahuja, Dr. Amit Goyal
15:00–16:00		**Screen 4: Amandeep Hospital (Ujala Cygnus), Amritsar** Robotic right hemicolectomy — the totally intracorporeal anastomosis; questions over the link	**Operating:** Dr. Sheshank Mahajan **Moderators:** Dr. Matteo Mascherini (Italy), Prof. Vinay Kumar Mahala, Prof. Vijay K. Mittal (USA), Dr. Hammad Adam (Maldives), Dr. Anil Sawariya
16:00–17:00		**Screen 4: Amandeep Hospital (Ujala Cygnus), Amritsar** Robotic right hemicolectomy — the third hour: closure, and the next case if the list allows; questions over the link	**Operating:** Dr. Sheshank Mahajan **Moderators:** Dr. Surendra Pathak, Dr. Abhinav Mittal

Hall B — Moynihan Hall · Screen 1 · Proctology 08:30–11:30· The Angry Pancreas 11:30· Abdominal Tuberculosis 12:30 (live proctology 14:00–17:00; Best Paper Award Qualifier 1 17:00; Surgeons' Cut 18:00)

Hall Moderators (Organising Committee): Prof. Ishant Kumar Chaurasia, Dr. Puneet Srivastava, Dr. Rajesh Gupta, Dr. Anubhav Goel

08:30–09:40 Piles in the Age of Choice — laser, stapler or scalpel: matching the operation to the patient

Chairpersons: Dr. Anil Yadav, Dr. Ganpat Singh Choudhary, Dr. Apoorv Chaturvedi, Dr. Julie

08:30–08:40	10	Understanding Laser Physics before setting up a proctology clinic	Dr. Ankur Bansal
08:40–09:10	30	Debate — "Stapled haemorrhoidopexy should no longer be offered"	**Moderator:** Dr. Surendra Pathak **For the motion:** Prof. Ishant Kumar Chaurasia **Against the motion:** Prof. Rajendra Mandia
09:10–09:40	30	Panel — bleeding, sepsis, incontinence and stenosis: prevention and rescue	**Moderator:** Prof. Rajendra Mandia **Panellists:** Dr. Manjush, Dr. Navneet Mishra, Prof. Isidoro Di Carlo (Italy), Dr. Hemant Jain, Dr. Sukhdev Pandey, Dr. Bhupendra Singh

09:40–10:30 Fistula Wars — LIFT, laser, VAAFT, flap or seton: controlling the source, not just the tract

Chairpersons: Dr. D. C. Goyal, Dr. Mahesh Raj, Dr. Keerthi B. R., Dr. Navdeep Saini

09:40–10:05	25	Panel — LIFT, laser, VAAFT, flap or seton: controlling the source, not just the tract	**Moderator:** Dr. Mukund Mundra **Panellists:** Dr. Rajesh Yadav, Dr. Krunal Solanki, Prof. Atul Sharma, Prof. Avadhesh Kumar Bhardwaj, Dr. Roshan Lal
10:05–10:30	25	Debate — "Sphincter-sparing procedures (LIFT, laser, VAAFT) should be first-line for every trans-sphincteric fistula"	**Moderator:** Dr. Harish Gowda **For the motion:** Dr. Navneet Mishra **Against the motion:** Dr. Prakash Kurumboor

10:30–11:00 The Pelvic Floor, Rebooted — rectal prolapse, obstructed defaecation and the modern toolkit

Chairpersons: Dr. G. G. Singhal, Dr. Manoj Kela

10:30–11:00	30	Panel — rectal prolapse, obstructed defaecation and the modern toolkit	**Moderator:** Prof. Bawantha Gamage (Sri Lanka) **Panellists:** Dr. Irfan, Dr. Prakash Kurumboor, Prof. Asuri Krishna, Prof. Francesco Prete (Italy), Dr. Vivek Kumar

11:00–11:30 The Fissure Debate — lateral internal sphincterotomy and its alternatives

Chairpersons: Dr. Gyan Prakash Gupta, Dr. Manoj Kela, Dr. Navdeep Saini

11:00–11:30	30	Debate — "Lateral internal sphincterotomy is still the gold standard for chronic anal fissure"	**Moderator:** Prof. S. K. Bhartiya **For the motion:** Dr. Harish Gowda **Against the motion:** Dr. Navneet Mishra

11:30–12:30 The Angry Pancreas — the leak after pancreaticoduodenectomy and the guidelines of acute pancreatitis

Chairpersons: Dr. Raman Marchanda, Dr. Juhi Singhal, Dr. Brajnev Kumar Yadav (Nepal), Dr. Kislay Kant

11:30–11:40	10	When the pancreas strikes back — the leak that haunts the surgeon!	Dr. Himanshu Yadav
11:40–11:50	10	Acute pancreatitis — guidelines and compliance	Dr. Shridhar G. Iyer (Singapore)
11:50–12:30	40	Panel — acute pancreatitis: who, when and how to intervene	**Moderator:** Dr. Vikas Gupta **Panellists:** Dr. Shridhar G. Iyer (Singapore), Prof. Vinay Kumar Mahala, Dr. Devendra Choudhary, Dr. Dinesh Kumar Bharti, Prof. Pravin Suryawanshi, Dr. Vineet Mishra

12:30–13:15 Tuberculosis or Crohn's? — abdominal tuberculosis and India's diagnostic dilemma

the case that divides: intestinal tuberculosis or Crohn's disease? — India's own diagnostic dilemma, now Europe's too

Chairpersons: Dr. Ajeet Yadav

12:30–13:15	45	Panel — abdominal tuberculosis and India's diagnostic dilemma	**Moderator:** Prof. Mohammad Ibrarullah **Panellists:** Prof. Shyam Lal, Prof. Rajashekar Mohan, Prof. Deepak Verma, Dr. H. L. Rajput, Prof. Mohit Kumar Badgurjar

14:00–17:00 *Live Operative Session II — Screen 1: live proctology — BSA Medical College & Hospital, Delhi — see Hall B · Screens 1–4 above*

17:00–18:00 Best Paper Award Session (Qualifier) 1

6 papers × 10 min (8 + 2)· the winner of this qualifier reaches the final (29 November)

Chairpersons: Dr. Ratnakar Shukla, Dr. Vijay Anand

Judges: Dr. Dhruv Mahajan, Dr. J. P. S. Shakya, Prof. Avadhesh Kumar Bhardwaj, Prof. Ram Daga, Dr. O. V. Sudheer

18:00–18:40 Surgeons' Cut — master videos

Chairpersons: Dr. Anuj Sarkari, Dr. Nazrul Hasan, Dr. Sanjay Kala

Judges: Dr. Nitin Leekha, Dr. Sebaprashad Pattanayak, Dr. Ashish Dey, Dr. Alankar Gupta

Hall B — Moynihan Hall · Screen 2 · Proctology Programme — five sessions 08:30–13:10 convened by Dr Ankur Bansal and Dr Shavez Khan (live gastric bypass 14:00–17:00; Source Control 17:00)

Hall Moderators (Organising Committee): Dr. Abhishek Arora, Dr. Avnish Saxena, Dr. Bhuvanesh Kumar Sharma, Dr. Richa Jaiman

08:30–09:20 Proctology 101 — the clinic, the examination and the diagnosis

Proctology Programme on Screen 2 — convened by Dr Ankur Bansal and Dr Shavez Khan· talks of 10 minutes

Convenors: Dr. Utkarsh Gupta
Chairpersons: Dr. Rahul Gupta, Dr. Kailash C. Kabra

08:30–08:40	10	Anal pain in three minutes: fissure, abscess or thrombosed pile	Prof. Rajendra Mandia
08:40–08:50	10	Bleeding per rectum: when the whole colon must be seen	Dr. O. V. Sudheer
08:50–09:00	10	Pruritus ani and the perianal skin: what the surgeon misses	Dr. Harish Gowda
09:00–09:10	10	Setting up an office proctology practice in India	
09:10–09:20	10	The proctology clinic: history, examination and what the anoscope tells you	Prof. S. K. Bhartiya

09:30–10:30 Haemorrhoids: the Full Menu — office procedures, laser, stapler and the knife

Proctology Programme on Screen 2 — convened by Dr Ankur Bansal and Dr Shavez Khan· talks of 10 minutes

Convenors: Dr. Ankur Bansal, Dr. Utkarsh Gupta
Chairpersons: Dr. Rahul Gupta, Dr. Kailash C. Kabra

09:30–09:40	10	Office procedures — banding, sclerotherapy and infrared: where they still win	Dr. Anand Agarwal
09:40–09:50	10	Laser haemorrhoidoplasty: technique, tips and the evidence	Dr. Mohd. Merajuddin (UAE)
09:50–10:00	10	Stapled haemorrhoidopexy: the right patient in 2026	Dr. Ritu Khare
10:00–10:10	10	Excisional haemorrhoidectomy: still the gold standard for grade IV?	Dr. Richa Jaiman
10:10–10:20	10	The thrombosed and strangulated pile: emergency management	Dr. Adil Mohammed Suleman (UAE)
10:20–10:30	10	When laser goes wrong: Painful lessons learnt	Dr. Ankur Bansal

10:30–11:20 Holding On, Letting Go — incontinence, obstructed defaecation and prolapse for the proctologist

Proctology Programme on Screen 2 — convened by Dr Ankur Bansal and Dr Shavez Khan· talks of 10 minutes

Convenors: Dr. Ankur Bansal, Dr. Shavez Khan
Chairpersons: Dr. Pravin Kumar, Dr. Rajesh Mistry

10:30–10:40	10	Obstructed defaecation: the work-up before any operation	Dr. Karan Rawat
10:40–10:50	10	Rectal prolapse in the young and the old: Delorme, Altemeier or rectopexy	Dr. Sudesh Sharda
10:50–11:00	10	Solitary rectal ulcer and the rectocele: treat the symptom, not the scan	Dr. Mukund Mundra
11:00–11:10	10	Neosphincter reconstruction in end-stage faecal incontinence	Dr. Abhijit Chandra
11:10–11:20	10	Faecal incontinence: assessment and the ladder of treatment	Dr. Prakash Kurumboor

11:30–12:10 Abscess, Fissure, Fistula — techniques on video

Proctology Programme on Screen 2 — convened by Dr Ankur Bansal and Dr Shavez Khan· talks of 10 minutes

Convenors: Dr. Ankur Bansal, Dr. Shavez Khan
Chairpersons: Dr. Sanchit Jain, Dr. Keerthi B. R.

11:30–11:40	10	The perianal abscess: drainage done right, and the fistula it leaves	Dr. Navneet Mishra

11:40–11:50	10	Lateral internal sphincterotomy and its alternatives: botulinum toxin and the advancement flap	Dr. Madhav Mayank
11:50–12:00	10	The seton: cutting, loose or chemical	Prof. Avadhesh Kumar Bhardwaj
12:00–12:10	10	Hybrid Laser procedure for Anal Fistula	Dr. Ankur Bansal

12:20–13:10 Beyond the Piles — the anal canal, Crohn's, HPV and the pregnant patient

Proctology Programme on Screen 2 — convened by Dr Ankur Bansal and Dr Shavez Khan· talks of 10 minutes

Convenors: Dr. Ankur Bansal, Dr. Shavez Khan
Chairpersons: Dr. Sanchit Jain, Dr. Vijay Anand

12:20–12:30	10	Anal cancer and HPV: AIN, condylomata and the tumour the surgeon must not excise	Dr. Avnish Saklani
12:30–12:40	10	Proctology in Crohn's disease: fissure, fistula and the stoma question	Dr. Alankar Gupta
12:40–12:50	10	Pregnancy and the postpartum: piles, fissure and the obstetric sphincter injury	Dr. Aradhana Singh
12:50–13:00	10	Perianal sexually transmitted disease the surgeon should recognise	Dr. Avnish Saxena
13:00–13:10	10	Anal stenosis and the failed proctology operation	Dr. Ankur Kishore Agarwal

14:00–17:00 *Live Operative Session II — Screen 2: live gastric bypass — Asian Bariatrics Plus Hospital, Ahmedabad — see Hall B · Screens 1–4 above*

17:00–18:00 Source Control — peritonitis, perforations, leaks and the second look

Chairpersons: Dr. Roopali, Prof. B. S. Pathania, Dr. Anoop Dixit

17:00–18:00	60	Panel — peritonitis, perforations, leaks and the second look	**Moderator:** Dr. Aparna Deshpande, Dr. Sandeep Verma **Panellists:** Dr. Atul Gupta, Dr. D. Paramhans, Dr. Faroze, Maj Gen Kanwarjit Singh, Prof. Atul Sharma

Hall B — Moynihan Hall · Screen 3 · Emergency Surgery, Trauma & Research 08:00–11:40 (live surgery from Zen Mumbai 14:00–17:00; Best Paper Award Qualifier 2 17:00)

Hall Moderators (Organising Committee): Dr. H. L. Rajput, Dr. Laveena Balani, Dr. Manish Goyal, Dr. Mohd. Yusuf Afaque, Dr. Surendra Pathak

08:00–09:05 Scopes at Midnight — emergency laparoscopy for appendicitis, cholecystitis and perforation

Chairpersons: Dr. Mukesh Srivastava, Prof. Prakash Kumar Sasmal, Dr. Gautham Krishnamurthy, Dr. Kislay Kant

08:00–08:30	30	Panel — emergency laparoscopy for appendicitis, cholecystitis and perforation	**Moderator:** Dr. Prashant Lavania **Panellists:** Dr. Himanshu Singh, Dr. B. N. Tiwari, Dr. Abhishek Arora, Dr. J. D. Singh, Dr. Surendra Pathak, Dr. Utkarsh Gupta
08:30–08:40	10	Emergency laparoscopy — How far can we push the limits	Dr. Vishal Kalia
08:40–09:05	25	Debate — "Antibiotics are an acceptable first-line treatment for uncomplicated acute appendicitis"	**Moderator:** Prof. Asuri Krishna **For the motion:** Prof. Rajashekar Mohan **Against the motion:** Prof. Shyam Lal

09:05–10:25 The Twisted Gut — small-bowel obstruction and the adhesive abdomen: scan, tube or theatre?

Chairpersons: Prof. Mubashir A. Shah, Dr. Anand Nagar

09:05–09:15	10	Laparoscopic diaphragmatic hernia management — tips and tricks	Dr. Ashish Dey

09:15–09:25	10	Small-bowel obstruction: scan, tube or theatre?	Prof. B. S. Pathania
09:25–09:55	30	Panel — small-bowel obstruction and the adhesive abdomen	**Moderator:** Dr. Sudesh Sharda **Panellists:** Dr. Ashish Chaudhary, Dr. Ashish Dey, Dr. Varun Agarwal, Dr. Anang Upadhyay
09:55–10:25	30	Panel — "Laparoscopic adhesiolysis should be the first approach to adhesive small-bowel obstruction"	**Moderator:** Prof. Rajashekar Mohan **Panellists:** Dr. Nitin Goyal, Dr. Siddharth Dhar Maurya, Dr. Sarina Agarwal, Dr. Prashant Pareek

10:25–11:20 Pressure Points — the injured abdomen, intra-abdominal hypertension and the open abdomen

Chairpersons: Dr. Ashish Singhal, Dr. Mridul Bansal, Dr. Tirlok Chand

10:25–10:55	30	Panel — the injured abdomen, intra-abdominal hypertension and the open abdomen	**Moderator:** Prof. Rajashekar Mohan **Panellists:** Prof. S. K. Bhartiya, Dr. Aradhana Singh, Dr. Pranjal Garg, Dr. Vikas Mittal, Dr. Vineet Verma, Dr. Lajpat Rai
10:55–11:20	25	Debate — "Non-operative management has been pushed too far in high-grade blunt splenic and liver injury"	**Moderator:** Prof. Mario Testini (Italy) **For the motion:** Maj Gen Kanwarjit Singh **Against the motion:** Dr. Lovenish Bains

11:25–12:25 Research and Documentation in 2026

Chairpersons: Dr. Sanjay Kulshresthra, Dr. Karanbir Singh, Dr. Imtiakum Jamir, Dr. Adiveeth

11:25–11:40	15	How to conduct epidemiological research in surgical diseases	Dr. Prashant Mathur
11:40–12:10	30	Panel — From Bedside Question to Published Answer: surgical research in a busy department	**Moderator:** Prof. Satyabrata Mohanty **Panellists:** Dr. Rajesh Mahida, Dr. Farhat Khan, Dr. Sandeep Joglekar (United Kingdom), Dr. Shwetank Prakash, Dr. Gaurav Singh, Dr. Ratnakar Shukla
12:10–12:25	15	National Cancer Registry Programme of India and its role in augmenting clinical and public healthcare	Dr. Prashant Mathur

14:00–17:00 *Live Operative Session II — Screen 3: live surgery — Zen Hospital, Mumbai — see Hall B · Screens 1–4 above*

17:00–18:00 Best Paper Award Session (Qualifier) 2

6 papers × 10 min (8 + 2)· the winner of this qualifier reaches the final (29 November)

Chairpersons: Dr. Hemant Jain, Dr. Ajeet Yadav

Judges: Dr. Matteo Mascherini (Italy), Dr. Rajendra Dhakal (Nepal), Dr. Anand Nagar, Prof. S. K. Bhartiya, Dr. Sarina Agarwal

Hall B — Moynihan Hall · Screen 4 · Colorectal, Acute Abdomen, Oesophagus & Sarcoma 08:30–13:10 (live robotic colectomy 14:00–17:00; Achalasia 17:00)

Hall Moderators (Organising Committee): Dr. Dhruv Mahajan, Dr. J. P. S. Shakya, Dr. Nitin Goyal, Dr. Utkarsh Gupta

08:30–09:35 Save the Rectum? — total neoadjuvant therapy, organ preservation and watch-and-wait in low rectal cancer

Chairpersons: Dr. Mukul Garg, Prof. A. K. Kaundal, Prof. Prakash Kumar Sahoo, Dr. Rajesh Mistry

08:30–09:00	30	Panel — total neoadjuvant therapy, organ preservation and watch-and-wait in low rectal cancer	**Moderator:** Dr. Yogesh Bang **Panellists:** Dr. Bhuvanesh Kumar Sharma, Dr. Arvind Kumar Chauhan, Dr. Kaushal Yadav, Dr. Anshika Arora, Prof. Mushtaq Chalkoo, Dr. Bhawna Verma

09:00–09:25	25	Debate — "The robot has retired TaTME: transanal TME should be abandoned"	**Moderator:** Prof. Bawantha Gamage (Sri Lanka) **For the motion:** Prof. Ram Daga **Against the motion:** Dr. O. V. Sudheer
09:25–09:35	10	The difficult rectal cancer, where every millimetre matters	Dr. Naresh Ledwani

09:35–11:00 Colorectal on Camera — master videos in laparoscopic and robotic colorectal surgery

Operative videos of 12 min each (10 + 2 discussion), then open discussion — each presenter chooses the video; titles to be sent to the Secretariat

Chairpersons: Dr. Puneet Agarwal, Dr. Sumit Choudhary, Dr. Narendra Nikam, Dr. Adiveeth
Video presenters: Prof. Mushtaq Chalkoo, Dr. O. V. Sudheer, Prof. Ram Daga, Dr. Arvind Kumar Chauhan, Dr. Aparna Deshpande

09:35–11:00	85	Master videos — master videos in laparoscopic and robotic colorectal surgery	**Video presenters:** Prof. Mushtaq Chalkoo, Dr. O. V. Sudheer, Prof. Ram Daga, Dr. Arvind Kumar Chauhan, Dr. Aparna Deshpande

11:00–12:00 The Acute Abdomen, Decided — penetrating trauma, damage control and the decisions of the night

Chairpersons: Dr. Arun Rathore, Dr. Anil Yadav, Dr. Narendra Nikam

11:00–11:12	12	The penetrating abdomen: who goes to theatre, who waits, who scans	Prof. Ajay Thakral
11:12–11:24	12	Damage-control surgery	Prof. Asuri Krishna
11:24–12:00	36	Panel — decision-making in the acute abdomen	**Moderator:** Prof. Shyam Lal **Panellists:** Prof. Valerii Kryshen (Ukraine), Dr. Vikram Agarwal, Prof. Anandhi Amaranathan, Dr. Ajay Verma, Dr. Ankur Awasthi

12:00–12:30 The Oesophagus, Minimally — carcinoma of the oesophagus and minimally invasive oesophagectomy in India

Chairpersons: Dr. Rajat Choudhari, Prof. Prakash Kumar Sahoo

12:00–12:30	30	Panel — Carcinoma of the Oesophagus: minimally invasive oesophagectomy in India	**Moderator:** Dr. Vipin Kumar Sharma **Panellists:** Dr. Siddhant Khare, Dr. Gautam Anand, Dr. Kailash Chand Kurdia, Dr. Arvind Kumar Chauhan, Dr. Nitin Goyal, Dr. Anand Nagar

12:30–13:12 Beyond the Gut — sarcoma and melanoma

Chairpersons: Dr. Gautam Anand, Prof. Satyabrata Mohanty, Prof. Asuri Krishna, Dr. Tirlok Chand

12:30–12:42	12	Update in sarcoma and melanoma surgery	Dr. Amy Gillis (Ireland)
12:42–12:54	12	Multidisciplinary approach to soft-tissue sarcoma	Dr. Matteo Mascherini (Italy)
13:00–13:12	12	The evolution of melanoma treatment	Prof. Ferdinando Cafiero (Italy)

14:00–17:00 *Live Operative Session II — Screen 4: live robotic right hemicolectomy — Amandeep Hospital (Ujala Cygnus), Amritsar — see Hall B · Screens 1–4 above*

17:00–18:00 Achalasia: POEM, Heller or Balloon? — choosing the procedure in 2026, and the oesophagectomy debate

Chairpersons: Dr. Vikas Mittal, Dr. Lovenish Bains, Dr. Imtiakum Jamir

17:00–17:30	30	Panel — Achalasia Cardia: Heller myotomy, POEM or dilatation?	**Moderator:** Dr. Abhijit Chandra **Panellists:** Dr. Manoj Sharma, Dr. Avinash Tank, Dr. Kawaljeet Singh, Dr. Shiv Kumar Bunkar, Dr. Prashant Jain, Dr. Sandeep Gupta, Prof. Antoni Szczepanik (Poland)
17:30–17:55	25	Debate — "Open oesophagectomy has no place in 2026"	**Moderator:** Prof. Prakash Kumar Sasmal **For the motion:** Dr. Nirjhar Raj Rakesh **Against the motion:** Prof. Binay Krishna Sarkar

Hall C — Billroth Hall · Workshops · Robotic Surgery Academy (W14) 11:00–13:00· HSI Abdominal Wall Reconstruction Workshop (W13) 14:00–17:00· Skills Lab modules W05–W07 and W09 17:00–20:00

Hall Moderators (Organising Committee): Dr. Ravi Goyal, Dr. Sandeep Gupta, Dr. Sharad Gupta, Dr. Vikas Mittal

11:00–13:00 ESSURG Multi-Platform Robotic Surgery Academy

Docking, console skills, simulation and operative education on up to five non-exclusive approved platforms; 40 seats (console rotation)· course director Dr Ashish Gautam· robotic pelvic surgery among the operative-education modules

Workshop director: Dr. Ashish Gautam
Workshop faculty: Dr. Anmol Ahuja, Dr. Kedar Patil, Prof. Deborshi Sharma, Dr. Shaishav Patel, Prof. Ciprian Duță (Romania)

14:00–17:00 Complex Abdominal Wall Reconstruction — HSI Workshop (W13)

Hands-on workshop conducted by the Hernia Society of India (Endorsing Society)· maximum 35 participants· course content, director(s) and faculty nominated by HSI (due 31 Oct)

Workshop director: Dr. Vishal Soni
Workshop faculty: Dr. Rajesh Srivastava, Dr. Manabendra Baidya

17:00–19:15 Surgical Skills Lab — Laparoscopic Suturing & Intracorporeal Knotting (W05)· Hand-sewn GI Anastomosis (W06)· GI Staplers & Advanced Energy Devices (W07)

Three 45-minute hands-on modules, one after another — W05 17:00–17:45 (coordinators Dr Karan Rawat, Dr Jagat Pal Singh)· W06 17:45–18:30· W07 18:30–19:15; the Vascular Anastomosis skills lab (W09) follows 19:15–20:00· stations in rotation (1 instructor : 4 participants)· slots limited to 20 participants

Course coordinators: Dr. Karan Rawat, Dr. Jagat Pal Singh, Dr. Avnish Saxena, Dr. Bhuvanesh Kumar Sharma, Dr. Ravi Goyal, Dr. Nitin Goyal
Workshop directors: Dr. Jugindra S., Prof. Ajay Thakral
Workshop faculty: Dr. Priyank Chelawat, Dr. Pushpendra Naik, Dr. Dinesh Kumar Kardam, Dr. Gajendra Bhati, Dr. Puneet Mahajan, Dr. Magan Mehrotra

19:15–20:00 Vascular Anastomosis & Reconstruction Skills Lab (W09)

Hands-on on tissue models: vascular repair, end-to-end and end-to-side anastomosis — 45-minute module after W05–W07· slots limited to 20 participants

Course coordinators: Dr. Atul Gupta, Dr. Laveena Balani
Workshop faculty: Dr. Ameet Kumar

Hall D — Kocher Hall · E-poster display · E-Poster Session — Batch 1 (10:00–13:00) and Batch 2 (14:00–17:00), ten e-posters each

10:00–13:00 E-Poster Session — Batch 1

ten e-posters on display 10:00–13:00; judging round 10:00–10:50 at the display in Hall D, by the panel of eight judges

Judges: Dr. Prabhat Pradhan (Bhutan), Dr. Anmol Ahuja, Dr. Mohd. Yusuf Afaque, Prof. Sadaf Ali, Dr. Abdulla Ubaid (Maldives), Dr. Andrej Nikolovski (North Macedonia), Dr. Marie Morris (Ireland), Dr. Imran Mohamed Adam (Maldives)

14:00–17:00 E-Poster Session — Batch 2

ten e-posters on display 14:00–17:00; judging round 15:10–16:00 at the display in Hall D, by the panel of eight judges

Judges: Dr. Prabhat Pradhan (Bhutan), Dr. Anmol Ahuja, Dr. Mohd. Yusuf Afaque, Prof. Sadaf Ali, Dr. Abdulla Ubaid (Maldives), Dr. Andrej Nikolovski (North Macedonia), Dr. Marie Morris (Ireland), Dr. Imran Mohamed Adam (Maldives)

Saturday, 28 November 2026 — Congress Day 2

Hall A 08:30–17:30; Halls B and C 08:00–19:00. Debates follow the talks and panels through the day. Working lunch 12:30–14:30. Live surgery: Hall A 08:30–11:30 (live telerobotic gastric bypass from a console in the hall, the patient at Mohak Kriti Hospital, Gurugram) and Hall B 14:00–17:00 (Screen 2: HPB surgery live from Gleneagles Hospital, Mumbai, 14:00–17:00; laparoscopic pancreaticoduodenectomy, as-live, from Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi on Screen 1, 14:00–16:00; from 15:00 live surgery from KIMS Hospitals, Hyderabad on Screen 3). Hall A: 11:30 ESS Guest Lecture; 11:45 Podium Lectures; 12:30 ESSURG Indian Master's Oration; 14:00 The Injury Nobody Wants (bile duct injury); 15:00 It Takes a Team (bariatric surgery and two debates); 16:30 Keynote Addresses — Dr Mohit Bhandari and Dr Monisha Kapoor; 16:50 The Surgical Brain Challenge Quiz. Hall B Screen 1: hernia 08:30, AWRSC session 10:30–13:30, robotics 14:00, ESS–UEMS Forum 17:00, Legends of ESS 17:45. Screen 2: Best Paper Award Qualifier 3 08:00, Best Paper Award Qualifier 4 09:00, bariatric surgery 10:00, ventral hernia 11:30, prehabilitation and postoperative care 12:50, hiatus hernia 17:00, hernia failures 17:40. Screen 3: HPB master videos 08:30, wounds 09:30, the tropical liver and the haematological spleen 11:30, the critical view 12:30, gallbladder cancer 17:00, Industry Session 17:45. Screen 4: safety 08:30, the groin hernia debate 09:20, Best Paper Award Qualifier 5 10:00, Best Video Award Session 11:00–13:30, the bile duct debate and malignant obstructive jaundice 14:00, GERD and hiatus hernia 15:00, the acute abdomen in children 16:20, Cancer Crossroads 16:50. Hall C: Surgical Skills Olympics 10:00–12:30 (heats 10:00, final 11:30), Radiology for Surgeons (W04) 13:00–15:30, AI for Surgeons (W15) 16:00–19:00. Hall D: E-Poster Session — Batch 3 10:00–13:00 and Batch 4 14:00–17:00 (ten e-posters each). Evening: Gala Dinner and Musical Night.

Hall A — Sushruta Plenary Hall · Weight-Loss & Metabolic Surgery — live telerobotic gastric bypass from a console in the hall (Screen 1)· ESS Guest Lecture 11:30· Podium Lectures 12:00· Indian Master's Oration 12:30· Bile Duct Injury 14:00· It Takes a Team 15:00· Keynote Addresses 16:30· Quiz 16:50

Hall Moderators (Organising Committee): Dr. Abhinav Mittal, Dr. Ankur Bansal, Dr. Anubhav Goel

08:30–11:30 Live Operative Session III — Weight-Loss & Metabolic Surgery: Telerobotic Gastric Bypass from a Console in the Hall (Screen 1)

Screen 1, 08:30–11:30 — S09: telerobotic (remote-console) robotic Roux-en-Y or one-anastomosis gastric bypass, the surgeon's choice for the patient — Dr Mohit Bhandari at a console in the hall, the patient at Mohak Kriti Hospital, Gurugram· the ESS Guest Lecture follows at 11:30

Convenors: Dr. Vinod K. Singhal, Dr. Atul Peters

08:30–09:00		**Screen 1: Mohak Kriti Hospital, Gurugram** Telerobotic robotic Roux-en-Y / one-anastomosis gastric bypass — Dr Mohit Bhandari at the console in the hall, the patient at Mohak Kriti Hospital, Gurugram — block 1	**Operating:** Dr. Mohit Bhandari **Moderators:** Prof. Ciprian Duță (Romania), Dr. Manoj Bharucha, Dr. Vinayak Mishra, Dr. Anurag Bijalwan
09:00–10:00		**Screen 1: Mohak Kriti Hospital, Gurugram** Telerobotic robotic Roux-en-Y / one-anastomosis gastric bypass — Dr Mohit Bhandari at the console in the hall, the patient at Mohak Kriti Hospital, Gurugram — block 2	**Operating:** Dr. Mohit Bhandari **Moderators:** Prof. Prakash Kumar Sasmal, Dr. Arun Prakash Dwivedi
10:00–11:30		**Screen 1: Mohak Kriti Hospital, Gurugram** Telerobotic robotic Roux-en-Y / one-anastomosis gastric bypass — Dr Mohit Bhandari at the console in the hall, the patient at Mohak Kriti Hospital, Gurugram — block 3; questions	**Operating:** Dr. Mohit Bhandari **Moderators:** Prof. Deborshi Sharma, Dr. Ashish Singhal

11:30–11:45 ESS Guest Lecture — minimally invasive liver resection: where the field stands

Chairpersons: Prof. Mario Testini (Italy), Prof. Antoni Szczepanik (Poland)

11:30–11:45	15	ESS Guest Lecture — Laparoscopic Liver Resection: Pushing the Boundaries of Minimally Invasive HPB Surgery	Prof. Ho-Seong Han (Republic of Korea)

11:45–12:30 Podium Lectures — robots in cancer surgery and the emergency room, and the pancreas transplant

Chairpersons: Dr. Vinod K. Singhal, Prof. Deborshi Sharma, Dr. Hemant Sharma, Dr. Samarth Dave

11:45–12:00	15	Robotic oncological surgery in Romania — an overview and personal experience	Prof. Ciprian Duță (Romania)

12:00–12:15	15	Robots in the emergency room: robotics in acute care surgery	Dr. Ashish Gautam
12:15–12:30	15	Pancreas transplantation — the operation on video, and its place today	Dr. Deepak Mital (USA)

12:30–13:10 ESSURG Indian Master's Oration

Sushruta Plenary Hall (Hall A)· all delegates

Chairpersons: Prof. Mario Testini (Italy), Prof. Antoni Szczepanik (Poland), Dr. Vinod K. Singhal, Dr. Himanshu Yadav

12:30–12:35	5	Introduction of the orator	Prof. Mario Testini (Italy)
12:35–13:00	25	ESSURG Indian Master's Oration	Prof. C. Palanivelu
13:00–13:10	10	Felicitation of the orator	Dr. Vinod K. Singhal, Dr. Himanshu Yadav

14:00–14:50 The Injury Nobody Wants — bile duct injury: prevention, recognition and repair

Chairpersons: Dr. J. L. Purusnani, Prof. Puneet Dhar, Dr. Deepak Mital (USA), Dr. Rajani Yadav

14:00–14:10	10	The Injured Bile Duct: The First Repair Is Your Best Shot	Dr. Hirak Pahari
14:10–14:20	10	Hilar block — GBC neck or hilar cholangiocarcinoma?	Prof. Masayuki Otsuka (Japan)
14:20–14:50	30	Panel — bile duct injury: repair, refer or rescue?	**Moderator:** Prof. Anu Behari **Panellists:** Prof. Eran Sadot (Israel), Dr. Gaurav Pandey (Gastroenterologist), Dr. Rajnikant Yadav (Radiologist)

15:00–16:30 It Takes a Team — the leaking sleeve, the bariatric emergency on call, and the telerobotic and GLP-1 debates

Chairpersons: Dr. Ajay Kumar Kriplani, Dr. Narendra Deo, Prof. Afzal Azim, Dr. Manoj Moolchandani

15:00–15:10	10	The leaking sleeve: surgical management when the stent is not enough	Dr. Atul Peters
15:10–15:20	10	Scalpel vs Syringe: Is Bariatric Surgery Losing the Weight-Loss War?	Prof. Deborshi Sharma
15:20–15:30	10	Bariatric emergencies for the surgeon on call: the leak, the bleed, the marginal ulcer and the internal hernia	Dr. Atul Peters
15:30–16:00	30	Debate — "Telerobotic bariatric surgery across cities will be routine practice within five years"	**Moderator:** Prof. Deborshi Sharma **For the motion:** Dr. Mohit Bhandari **Against the motion:** Dr. Sandeep Verma
16:00–16:30	30	Debate — "GLP-1 agonists will make bariatric surgery a niche operation within ten years"	**Moderator:** Dr. Ritu Khare **For the motion:** Dr. Arun Prasad **Against the motion:** Dr. Atul Peters **On the floor:** Dr. Nirupma Singh, Prof. Alfonso Barbarisi (Italy), Dr. Aishath Azna Ali (Maldives)

16:30–16:50 Keynote Addresses — weight-loss and metabolic surgery, and what comes after the weight is lost

16:30–16:40	10	Keynote Address — Weight-loss and metabolic surgery: The Present, The Progress and the Future	Dr. Mohit Bhandari
16:40–16:50	10	Keynote Address — After the Weight Is Gone: Body Contouring in the Era of Bariatric Surgery and GLP-1 Therapy	Dr. Monisha Kapoor

16:50–17:30 The Surgical Brain Challenge Quiz — What Would You Do Next?			
Quiz Master Dr Patta Radhakrishna· prize money ₹5,000 for the winner· open to all delegates			
16:50–17:30	40	The Surgical Brain Challenge Quiz — what would you do next? (Quiz Master Dr Patta Radhakrishna; prize ₹5,000)	**Moderator:** Dr. Patta Radhakrishna

Hall B — Moynihan Hall · Screens 1–4 — the live hours · Live Operative Session IV, 14:00–17:00 — HPB surgery from Gleneagles, Mumbai (Screen 2); from 15:00 laparoscopic pancreaticoduodenectomy, as-live, from Sir Ganga Ram Hospital (Screen 1) and live surgery from KIMS Hyderabad (Screen 3)

14:00–17:00 Live Operative Session IV — HPB and Upper GI Surgery on three screens: laparoscopic pancreaticoduodenectomy (as-live)· HPB surgery from Mumbai· live surgery from KIMS Hyderabad			
Screen 1, 15:00–17:00 — laparoscopic pancreaticoduodenectomy, as-live — Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi (presenter Dr Arvind Kumar Chauhan)· Screen 2, 14:00–17:00 — S10: laparoscopic / robotic pancreaticoduodenectomy or other complex HPB work — Gleneagles Hospital, Parel, Mumbai· Screen 3, 15:00–17:00 — live surgery — KIMS Hospitals, Hyderabad· Screen 1 carries a one-hour session first (14:00–15:00); Screen 4 runs its own sessions			
14:00–16:00		**Screen 1: Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi (as-live)** Laparoscopic pancreaticoduodenectomy (as-live)	**Presented by:** Dr. Arvind Kumar Chauhan **Moderators:** Dr. Deshraj Chawla, Dr. Jitendra Kumar
16:00–17:00		**Screen 1: Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi (as-live)** Laparoscopic pancreaticoduodenectomy (as-live) — continued; questions	**Presented by:** Dr. Arvind Kumar Chauhan **Moderators:** Dr. Vishal Gupta, Prof. Puneet Dhar, Dr. Anubhav Goel, Dr. Ganpat Singh Choudhary
14:00–15:00		**Screen 2: Gleneagles Hospital, Parel, Mumbai** HPB surgery — laparoscopic / robotic pancreaticoduodenectomy or other complex hepato-pancreato-biliary work of the surgeon's choice — part 1	**Operating:** Prof. Shailesh Shrikhande **Moderators:** Dr. Jugindra S., Dr. Vijay Kumar Goel, Dr. Hemant Nautiyal
15:00–16:00		**Screen 2: Gleneagles Hospital, Parel, Mumbai** HPB surgery — laparoscopic / robotic pancreaticoduodenectomy or other complex hepato-pancreato-biliary work of the surgeon's choice — part 2	**Operating:** Prof. Shailesh Shrikhande **Moderators:** Prof. Rossen Madjov (Bulgaria), Dr. Payal Kaw, Prof. Pramod Kumar Mishra, Dr. J. P. Chaudhary, Dr. Saurabh Galodha
16:00–17:00		**Screen 2: Gleneagles Hospital, Parel, Mumbai** HPB surgery — laparoscopic / robotic pancreaticoduodenectomy or other complex hepato-pancreato-biliary work of the surgeon's choice — part 3; questions over the link	**Operating:** Prof. Shailesh Shrikhande **Moderators:** Prof. Prakash Kumar Sasmal, Dr. Rohith Kodali, Dr. Shrey Samant
15:00–16:00		**Screen 3: KIMS Hospitals, Hyderabad** Live surgery	**Operating:** Dr. G. Parthasarathy **Moderators:** Dr. Adil Mohammed Suleman (UAE), Dr. Shrey Samant
16:00–17:00		**Screen 3: KIMS Hospitals, Hyderabad** Live surgery; questions over the link	**Operating:** Dr. G. Parthasarathy **Moderators:** Prof. Valerii Kryshen (Ukraine), Dr. Raafat Samuel Fares (Egypt / Dubai), Prof. Mohit Kumar Badgurjar

Hall B — Moynihan Hall · Screen 1 · Hernia & the Abdominal Wall (AWRSC 10:30–13:30· robotics beyond the GI tract 14:00· as-live pancreaticoduodenectomy 15:00–17:00· ESS–UEMS Forum 17:00· Legends of ESS 17:45)

Hall Moderators (Organising Committee): Prof. Ishant Kumar Chaurasia, Dr. J. P. S. Shakya, Dr. Jagat Pal Singh, Dr. Karan Rawat, Dr. Vikas Mittal

08:30–10:00 Groin Rules, Midnight Hernias — the groin by day and the strangulated hernia by night			
Chairpersons: Dr. K. K. Agarwal, Dr. Sourish Mukherjee, Dr. Ravi Goyal, Dr. G. G. Singhal, Dr. Anubhav Goel			
08:30–08:42	12	Role of MIS in emergency hernia repair	Dr. Saurabh Bansal

08:42–08:54	12	Re-recurrent groin hernias — still a dilemma	Prof. Giorgi Giorgobiani (Georgia)
08:54–09:06	12	Hernia in women: the overlooked femoral and the pregnancy-related hernia	Dr. Somyaa Khuller
09:06–09:18	12	TAPP or TEP for inguinal hernia repair?	Prof. Marek Šoltés (Slovakia)
09:18–09:30	12	IPOM-AS — intraperitoneal mesh fixation for ventral hernia with straight-needle nylon 2-0 and absorbable sutures: five years in a tertiary centre	Prof. Arvind Shukla
09:30–10:00	30	Debate — "The strangulated groin hernia should be approached with minimally invasive techniques"	**Moderator:** Dr. Chandra Bhushan Singh **For the motion:** Dr. Lovenish Bains **Against the motion:** Dr. Vishal Soni

10:00–10:30 Making Surgeons — the mentor, AI tools and the operating room of tomorrow

Chairpersons: Dr. Anil Yadav, Dr. Puneet Srivastava, Dr. Vikas Mittal

10:00–10:10	10	The surgical mentor — what experience teaches that technology cannot	Dr. Sanjay Kala
10:10–10:20	10	AI tools in surgical simulation	Prof. Vijay K. Mittal (USA)
10:20–10:30	10	AI in the Operating Room: From Surgical Assistance to Autonomous Surgery (presented online)	Dr. Vidher Singhal

10:30–13:30 AWRSC Session — Abdominal Wall Reconstruction (AWR Surgeons' Community)

Endorsing Society session on its own screen (Screen 1)· convenors Dr Pramod Shinde and Dr Rahul Mahadar

Convenors: Dr. Pramod Shinde, Dr. Rahul Mahadar

10:30–10:40	10	What is AWR	Dr. Arun Prasad
10:40–10:50	10	Surgical anatomy of the abdominal wall	Dr. Vinayak Mishra
10:50–11:00	10	Open Rives–Stoppa: the doorway to AWR	Dr. Vinayak Mishra
11:00–11:10	10	Open TAR: the workhorse of AWR	Dr. Pramod Shinde
11:10–11:15	5	Q & A — session 1	
11:15–11:25	10	eTEP-RS: mastering the technique	Dr. Rahul Mahadar
11:25–11:35	10	eTEP-TAR: technique and real-life application	Dr. Rajesh Srivastava
11:35–11:45	10	Pre-operative optimisation	Dr. Kedar Patil
11:45–11:55	10	Loss of domain: how to manage	Dr. Pramod Shinde
11:55–12:00	5	Q & A — session 2	
12:00–12:10	10	Diastasis and its management	Dr. Somyaa Khuller
12:10–12:50	40	Panel — which technique for this? (case-based)	**Moderator:** Dr. Vivek Bindal **Panellists:** Dr. Arun Prasad, Dr. Vinayak Mishra, Dr. Mridul Bansal, Dr. Pramod Shinde, Dr. Rahul Mahadar, Dr. Rajesh Srivastava, Dr. Kedar Patil, Dr. Somyaa Khuller, Dr. Sanjiv Haribhakti
12:50–13:00	10	Q & A — session 3	
13:00–13:30	30	Debate — "Robotic AWR is a training exercise, not a patient benefit"	**Moderator:** Dr. Rahul Mahadar **For the motion:** Dr. Rajesh Srivastava **Against the motion:** Dr. Ameet Kumar

13:40–14:00 Consent, Courts and the Camera — the operating surgeon and the law in 2026

Chairpersons: Dr. Suviraj John, Dr. Sunita Suman, Dr. Manoj Sharma

13:40–13:50	10	The operating surgeon and the law in 2026: consent, the live-surgery camera and the record	Dr. Vivek Sachan
13:50–14:00	10	Complication or Negligence? A Forensic Expert's View of the Surgical Case	Dr. Rahul Jain

14:00–15:00 Robots Without Borders — robot-assisted surgery beyond the GI tract			
Chairpersons: Dr. Puneet Agarwal, Dr. Shwetank Prakash, Dr. Mukund Mundra, Dr. Bhawna Verma			
14:00–14:10	10	Extending the horizon of robot-assisted surgery	
14:10–14:20	10	From Laparoscopy to Robotics: Lessons from Sri Lanka's Surgical Journey	Prof. Bawantha Gamage (Sri Lanka)
14:20–14:30	10	When the robot is not helpful — honest limits of robotic AWR	Dr. Anmol Ahuja
14:30–15:00	30	Panel — the robotic race: who will train, who will pay and who will benefit?	**Moderator:** Dr. Arun Prasad **Panellists:** Dr. Shaishav Patel, Dr. Vivek Bindal, Prof. Ciprian Duță (Romania), Dr. Mohit Bhandari, Dr. Sanjiv Haribhakti, Dr. Vineet Verma

14:00–17:00 *Live Operative Session IV — Screen 1: laparoscopic pancreaticoduodenectomy (as-live) — Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi, 14:00–17:00 — see Hall B · Screens 1–4 above*

17:00–17:45 The ESS–UEMS Forum on European surgical training, examinations and careers			
Chairpersons: Dr. Sandeep Joglekar (United Kingdom), Dr. Prashant Gupta, Dr. Piotr K. Moczulski (Poland)			
17:00–17:10	10	The European Board of Surgery and the FEBS / EBSQ examinations: a pathway for Indian surgeons (career counselling)	Prof. Antoni Szczepanik (Poland)
17:10–17:20	10	How to create an impressive surgical portfolio	Dr. Marie Morris (Ireland)
17:20–17:30	10	Decision making and risk taking in surgery	Prof. Arthur Felice (Malta)
17:30–17:45	15	Panel — training the surgeon of 2030: UEMS, FEBS and India	**Moderator:** Prof. Carmel Cutajar (Malta) **Panellists:** Prof. Mario Testini (Italy), Dr. Amy Gillis (Ireland), Prof. Marek Šoltés (Slovakia), Dr. Vinod K. Singhal, Dr. Jugindra S., Prof. Arthur Felice (Malta)

17:45–18:15 Legends of ESS — Masters' Voice: rapid-fire questions to the ESS Past Presidents			
17:45–18:15	30	Rapid-fire questions from the floor to the Past Presidents and Board of the ESS	**Moderator:** Dr. Marie Morris (Ireland) **Panellists:** Prof. Ferdinando Cafiero (Italy), Prof. Guido Gasparri (Italy), Prof. Alfonso Barbarisi (Italy), Prof. Giorgi Giorgobiani (Georgia), Prof. Mario Testini (Italy), Prof. Rossen Madjov (Bulgaria), Prof. Carmel Cutajar (Malta), Prof. Ciprian Duță (Romania), Prof. Antoni Szczepanik (Poland), Prof. Arthur Felice (Malta)

Hall B — Moynihan Hall · Screen 2 · Free Papers, Bariatric & Hernia (Best Paper Award Qualifiers 3 and 4 08:00· bariatric surgery 10:00· ventral hernia 11:30· prehabilitation 12:50· live HPB surgery 14:00–17:00· hiatus hernia 17:00· hernia failures 17:40)

Hall Moderators (Organising Committee): Dr. Abhishek Arora, Dr. Nitin Goyal, Dr. Richa Jaiman, Dr. Rajesh Gupta, Dr. Bhuvanesh Kumar Sharma

08:00–09:00 Best Paper Award Session (Qualifier) 3

6 papers × 10 min (8 + 2)· the winner of this qualifier reaches the final (29 November)

09:00–10:00 Best Paper Award Session (Qualifier) 4

6 papers × 10 min (8 + 2)· the winner of this qualifier reaches the final (29 November)

Chairpersons: Dr. Richa Jaiman, Prof. Seema Khanna

Judges: Dr. Mohd. Merajuddin (UAE), Dr. Jitendra Kumar, Dr. Hemant Sharma, Dr. Rajesh Srivastava, Dr. Sandeep Joglekar (United Kingdom)

10:00–10:50 Bariatric Surgery in the GLP-1 Era — the sleeve, the robot and the injection pen

Chairpersons: Dr. Arvind Kumar Chauhan, Dr. M. L. Dixit, Dr. Rekha Maheshwari, Dr. Pravin Kumar

10:00–10:10	10	GLP-1 and sleeve gastrectomy in 2026	Prof. Alfonso Barbarisi (Italy)
10:10–10:20	10	Robotic Bariatrics Reloaded: Troubleshooting Today, AI Tomorrow	Dr. Vinayak Mishra
10:20–10:50	30	Debate — "Robotic bariatric surgery adds cost without benefit"	**Moderator:** Dr. Senthilnathan P. **For the motion:** Dr. Yogesh Agarwala **Against the motion:** Dr. Vivek Bindal **On the floor:** Prof. Alfonso Barbarisi (Italy)

10:50–11:30 Bariatric on Camera — complications and revisions, on video

Operative videos of 10 min each (8 + 2 discussion) — each presenter chooses the title of his video

Chairpersons: Dr. Samarth Dave, Dr. Anjali Mishra

Video presenters: Dr. Yogesh Agarwala, Dr. Vivek Bindal, Dr. Senthilnathan P., Prof. Apoorv Shrivastava

10:50–11:30	40	Master videos — complications and revisions	**Video presenters:** Dr. Yogesh Agarwala, Dr. Vivek Bindal, Dr. Senthilnathan P., Prof. Apoorv Shrivastava

11:30–12:50 Ventral Verdicts — eTEP, salvage after failure, and the IPOM debate

Chairpersons: Dr. Anoop Dixit, Dr. Mukul Garg, Dr. Vivek Kumar, Dr. Phanindra Kumar Swain

11:30–11:40	10	eTEP Rives–Stoppa for ventral hernias	Prof. Priyadarshan Anand Jategaonkar
11:40–11:50	10	Mastering the midline: simplifying the retrorectus crossover in eTEP-RS	Dr. Jitendra Kumar
11:50–12:00	10	Top 10 never-do's in eTEP	Dr. Vishal Soni
12:00–12:10	10	When hernia surgery goes wrong — complications and their salvage	Dr. Rajesh Mahida
12:10–12:50	40	Debate — "IPOM should be abandoned: the retromuscular (eTEP Rives–Stoppa) repair is the standard for ventral hernia"	**Moderator:** Dr. Ritu Khare **For the motion:** Dr. Krunal Solanki **Against the motion:** Dr. Priyank Chelawat **On the floor:** Prof. Rossen Madjov (Bulgaria), Prof. Giorgi Giorgobiani (Georgia), Dr. Ayman Alwjali (Libya), Prof. Valerii Kryshen (Ukraine), Prof. Priyadarshan Anand Jategaonkar

12:50–13:40 Prehabilitation and Postoperative Care — preparing the patient, and the days after the operation

Chairpersons: Dr. Anil Yadav, Dr. Sanjay Kulshresthra, Dr. J. D. Singh, Dr. Rajat Choudhari

12:50–13:00	10	Prehabilitation before major surgery — preparing the mind and the body	Dr. Sneha Nathawat

13:00–13:40	40	Panel — pre- and postoperative care	**Moderator:** Dr. Kailash Chand Kurdia **Panellists:** Dr. Chetna Shamsheri, Dr. Sneha Nathawat, Dr. Vidhi Gupta, Dr. Vijay Kher, Dr. Prashant Pareek, Dr. Sukhdev Pandey

14:00–17:00 *Live Operative Session IV — Screen 2: live HPB surgery 14:00–17:00 — Gleneagles Hospital, Parel, Mumbai — see Hall B · Screens 1–4 above*

17:00–17:40 To Operate or Not — the hiatus hernia: the decision, the repair and the reflux after sleeve

Chairpersons: Dr. Sanjay Kulshresthra, Dr. Aradhana Singh, Dr. Ram Ratan Yadav, Prof. Akhilesh Sukhlecha

17:00–17:10	10	Towards real-time physiological calibration of hiatus hernia repair and fundoplication: the role of intra-operative impedance planimetry (EndoFLIP)	Dr. Suviraj John
17:10–17:40	30	Case-based panel — the hiatus hernia: operate or observe, which repair, and reflux after sleeve gastrectomy (the hiatus at the first operation and at revision, and the Barrett's risk)	**Moderator:** Dr. Ajay Kumar Kriplani **Panellists:** Dr. Arun Rathore, Prof. Tom Glomsaker (Norway), Dr. Abhijit Chandra, Dr. Arun Prasad, Dr. Vinayak Mishra, Dr. Ankur Kishore Agarwal, Dr. Amit Goyal

17:40–18:40 When Hernia Surgery Goes Wrong — failures, complications, prevention and salvage

Chairpersons: Dr. Ravi Pachauri, Dr. Manish Sharma, Dr. Varun Agarwal, Dr. Lajpat Rai

17:40–17:50	10	The previously placed mesh: explant, leave or bridge — mesh fistula and adhesions	Dr. Rahul Mahadar
17:50–18:00	10	Pseudo-TAR and the peritoneal flap — rescue options when the posterior sheath will not come	Dr. Kedar Patil
18:00–18:30	30	Panel — failures, complications, prevention and salvage	**Moderator:** Dr. Andrej Nikolovski (North Macedonia) **Panellists:** Prof. B. S. Pathania, Dr. Brijendra Singh, Dr. Ayman Alwjali (Libya), Dr. Naresh Ledwani, Prof. Priyadarshan Anand Jategaonkar, Dr. Jitendra Kumar, Dr. Manabendra Baidya
18:30–18:40	10	Fascial traction has made component separation for loss of domain obsolete	Dr. Andrej Nikolovski (North Macedonia)

Hall B — Moynihan Hall · Screen 3 · Wounds, HPB & Safe Cholecystectomy (HPB master videos 08:30· wounds 09:30· the tropical liver and the haematological spleen 11:30· the critical view 12:30· live surgery 15:00–17:00· gallbladder cancer 17:00· Industry Session 17:45)

Hall Moderators (Organising Committee): Dr. H. L. Rajput, Dr. Laveena Balani, Dr. Manish Goyal, Dr. Mohd. Yusuf Afaque, Dr. Surendra Pathak, Dr. Puneet Srivastava

08:30–09:30 HPB on Camera — the difficult gallbladder, the bile duct and the spleen, on video

Six operative videos × 10 min (8 + 2 discussion) — each presenter chooses the video; titles to be sent to the Secretariat

Chairpersons: Dr. Sunil Sharma, Dr. Mohd. Yusuf Afaque, Dr. Gaurav Singh, Dr. Anang Upadhyay, Dr. Rajive Gupta
Video presenters: Prof. Sadaf Ali, Dr. Gajendra Bhati, Dr. Girish Bapat, Dr. Mohanasundaram, Dr. Avinash Tank, Dr. Peeyush Varshney

08:30–09:30	60	Master videos — the difficult gallbladder, the bile duct and the spleen	**Video presenters:** Prof. Sadaf Ali, Dr. Gajendra Bhati, Dr. Girish Bapat, Dr. Mohanasundaram, Dr. Avinash Tank, Dr. Peeyush Varshney

09:30–10:30 The Wound Whisperer — surgical-site infection, haemostasis and the healing abdomen

Chairpersons: Prof. Ajaz Ahmad, Dr. Vijay, Dr. Rahul Sahai, Dr. Manavi Mishra, Dr. H. L. Rajput			
09:30–09:40	10	Management of complicated wounds (traumatic and surgical)	Prof. Valerii Kryshen (Ukraine)
09:40–09:50	10	Advanced indications for negative-pressure wound therapy	Prof. Francesco Prete (Italy)
09:50–10:00	10	Revascularization surgery for non-healing leg ulcers	Prof. Rahul Khanna
10:00–10:10	10	All about wounds: healing, infection and the dressing that actually matters	Dr. Tarun Gupta
10:10–10:20	10	Wound management in 2026: what the microbiologist wants the surgeon to know	Dr. Vikas Gautam
10:20–10:30	10	The new era in diabetic foot management	Dr. Harindra Sandhu

10:30–11:30 Wounds That Will Not Heal — the complex wound and the abdominal wall, from debridement to reconstruction			
Chairpersons: Dr. Puneet Bhardwaj, Dr. Aditya Ray, Dr. Rahul Sahai, Dr. Manavi Mishra			
10:30–10:40	10	Reconstruction of complex oral cancer defects — current concepts and recent advances	Dr. Vipin Barthwal
10:40–10:50	10	Skin and soft tissue in AWR: the post-bariatric pannus, angiosomes and the umbilicus	Prof. Satyabrata Mohanty
10:50–11:00	10	When the midline won't meet: The art of Abdominal wall reconstruction	Prof. Sameer Rege
11:00–11:30	30	Panel — the complex wound, from debridement to reconstruction	**Moderator:** Dr. Saumya Singh **Panellists:** Dr. Neelkamal Gupta, Dr. Natwarlal Vyas, Dr. Vikas Gautam, Prof. Rajashekar Mohan, Maj Gen Kanwarjit Singh, Dr. Roopali

11:30–12:30 The Tropical Liver and the Haematological Spleen — hydatid disease, liver abscess, and the spleen the haematologist sends			
Chairpersons: Prof. Seema Khanna, Dr. Peeyush Varshney, Dr. Himanshu Singh, Dr. Ajay Agrawal			
11:30–11:55	25	Panel — hydatid disease and liver abscess for the practising surgeon	**Moderator:** Dr. Shridhar G. Iyer (Singapore) **Panellists:** Prof. Rahul Khanna, Dr. Vishal G. Shelat (Singapore), Prof. Binay Krishna Sarkar, Prof. Sadaf Ali, Dr. Pranjal Garg, Dr. Siddharth Dhar Maurya
11:55–12:05	10	The haematological spleen: when the haematologist sends the patient to you	Dr. Priyanka Soni
12:05–12:30	25	Debate — "The uncomplicated liver hydatid cyst should be treated without surgery (albendazole, PAIR)"	**Moderator:** Prof. Ender Dulundu (Türkiye) **For the motion:** Dr. Gajendra Bhati **Against the motion:** Dr. Abhishek Arora

12:30–13:20 The Critical View — when it cannot be obtained: subtotal cholecystectomy or fundus-first? The debate			
Chairpersons: Dr. Anjali Mishra, Prof. S. D. Maurya			
12:30–12:40	10	Bailout strategies in difficult cholecystectomy	Dr. Kulbhushan Haldeniya
12:40–12:50	10	Dealing with a thick-walled gallbladder	Dr. Pushpendra Naik
12:50–13:20	30	Debate — "When the critical view cannot be obtained, subtotal cholecystectomy beats fundus-first every time"	**Moderator:** Dr. Sreejith Sreekumar **For the motion:** Dr. Sudesh Sharda **Against the motion:** Dr. Surendra Pathak

15:00–17:00 *Live Operative Session IV — Screen 3: live surgery from 15:00 — KIMS Hospitals, Hyderabad — see Hall B · Screens 1–4 above*

17:00–17:45 The Gallbladder Nobody Suspected — incidentally detected gallbladder cancer

Chairpersons: Prof. Pramod Kumar Mishra, Dr. Sai Krishna, Dr. Sarina Agarwal, Prof. Puneet Dhar

17:00–17:45	45	Panel — Incidentally Detected Gallbladder Cancer	**Moderator:** Prof. Thakur Deen Yadav **Panellists:** Prof. H. H. Nag, Dr. Payal Kaw, Dr. Ragini Kilambi, Dr. Shivendra Singh, Dr. Ramendra Kumar Jauhari, Dr. Pallavi Prasad (Pathology)

17:45–18:05 Industry Session — two sponsored talks (not part of the CME-accredited programme)

Industry content, outside the accredited scientific programme and its CME hours (UPMC / EACCME): the sponsors' titles are carried as given; each speaker opens with a disclosure slide (sponsor and conflicts of interest). 17:45 — Meril Session: Role of Mizzo Endo 4000 Robotic Platform in General Surgery: Beyond Conventional Laparoscopy — Dr Pradeep Tripathi (Tieten Medicity, Mumbai); 17:55 — Tirzepatide: Turning the Tides in Obesity Care — Dr Himanshu Yadav.

17:45–17:55	10	Meril Session — Role of Mizzo Endo 4000 Robotic Platform in General Surgery: Beyond Conventional Laparoscopy	Dr. Pradeep Tripathi
17:55–18:05	10	Tirzepatide: Turning the Tides in Obesity Care	Dr. Himanshu Yadav

Hall B — Moynihan Hall · Screen 4 · Safety, Free Papers, Videos, Foregut & Oncology (Best Paper Award Qualifier 5 10:00· Best Video Award Session 11:00· the bile duct decides 14:00· GERD and hiatus hernia 15:00· acute abdomen in children 16:20· Cancer Crossroads 16:50)

Hall Moderators (Organising Committee): Dr. Avnish Saxena, Dr. Dhruv Mahajan, Dr. Prashant Lavania, Dr. Shavez Khan

08:30–09:20 First, Do No Harm — patient safety, empathy and surgical judgement in the laparoscopic theatre

cases include the orogastric tube caught in the staple line, the energy-device burn and the lost needle

Chairpersons: Dr. B. N. Tiwari, Prof. Deepak Verma, Dr. Siddhant Sarthak, Dr. Prashasya Goyal

08:30–09:00	30	Panel — safety in the laparoscopic theatre: access, energy and human factors	**Moderator:** Prof. Sameer Rege **Panellists:** Dr. Rohan Jain, Prof. Marek Šoltés (Slovakia), Prof. B. S. Pathania, Dr. Dinesh Kumar Kardam, Dr. Priyank Chelawat, Prof. Ishant Kumar Chaurasia
09:00–09:10	10	Professional empathy in surgery	Dr. Vishal G. Shelat (Singapore)
09:10–09:20	10	The art of surgical judgement — knowing when to operate, when to convert and when to stop	Dr. Natwarlal Vyas

09:20–10:00 One Size Fits None — TEP / TAPP or Lichtenstein for the primary inguinal hernia: the debate

Chairpersons: Dr. Khem Chand Panjwani, Dr. Lokesh, Dr. Hemant Goyal, Dr. Ajay Agrawal
Moderator: Prof. Ajay Thakral

09:20–09:50	30	Debate — "Laparo-endoscopic repair (TEP / TAPP) should be the default for every primary inguinal hernia, Lichtenstein the exception"	**Moderator:** Prof. Ajay Thakral **For the motion:** Prof. Deborshi Sharma **Against the motion:** Prof. B. S. Pathania
09:50–10:00	10	Surgical misadventures: recognise early, rescue smartly	Dr. Manjush

10:00–11:00 Best Paper Award Session (Qualifier) 5

6 papers × 10 min (8 + 2)· the winner of this qualifier reaches the final (29 November)

Chairpersons: Dr. Mohinder Vishwanath, Dr. Piotr K. Moczulski (Poland)
Judges: Dr. Avnish Saklani, Prof. Peush Sahni, Dr. Laveena Balani, Dr. Abhinav Mittal

11:00–13:30 Best Video Award Session (Qualifiers)

15 video presentations × 10 min (8 + 2 questions)· the six best videos go to the final (29 November, 13:30)

Chairpersons: Dr. Mohinder Vishwanath, Dr. Prashasya Goyal

Judges: Dr. Bhuvanesh Kumar Sharma, Dr. Abhijit Chandra, Dr. Vipin Kumar Sharma, Dr. Jitendra Nath Mandal, Dr. Utkarsh Gupta, Dr. Ibrahim Adhil (Maldives)

14:00–15:00 The Bile Duct Decides — single-stage stone clearance, and malignant surgical obstructive jaundice

Chairpersons: Prof. Sadaf Ali, Dr. Shridhar G. Iyer (Singapore), Dr. Divya Dahiya, Dr. Bhupendra Singh

14:00–14:30	30	Debate — "Single-stage laparoscopic bile duct exploration beats ERCP plus cholecystectomy for choledocholithiasis"	**Moderator:** Prof. H. H. Nag **For the motion:** Prof. Tom Glomsaker (Norway) **Against the motion:** Dr. Kaushal Anand
14:30–15:00	30	Panel — malignant surgical obstructive jaundice	**Moderator:** Prof. Pramod Kumar Mishra **Panellists:** Dr. Shaleen Agarwal, Prof. Masayuki Otsuka (Japan), Dr. Hirak Pahari, Dr. Sreejith Sreekumar, Dr. Sudeep Banerjee, Dr. Ankur Awasthi

15:00–16:20 Heartburn to Hiatus — GERD, the hiatus hernia and the oesophagectomy: two debates and three talks

Chairpersons: Dr. O. P. Bansal, Dr. Kawaljeet Singh, Dr. Prashant Jain, Dr. Roshan Lal

15:00–15:25	25	Debate — "Partial (Toupet) fundoplication should replace the Nissen for GERD"	**Moderator:** Dr. Ashok Sharma **For the motion:** Dr. Girish Bapat **Against the motion:** Dr. Senthilnathan P.
15:25–15:35	10	The hiatus hernia: who to repair, how to repair, and the mesh question	Dr. Rajesh Bhojwani
15:35–15:45	10	Hiatus hernia — the general surgeon's experience	Dr. Sumita Jain
15:45–15:55	10	Redo realities: fundoplication after failure	Dr. Himanshu Yadav
15:55–16:20	25	Debate — "Anti-reflux surgery should be offered before a lifetime on proton-pump inhibitors"	**Moderator:** Dr. Rajesh Bhojwani **For the motion:** Dr. Alankar Gupta **Against the motion:** Dr. B. N. Tiwari **On the floor:** Prof. Shikha Mathur, Dr. Rajesh Bhojwani, Dr. Sumita Jain, Dr. Avinash Tank, Dr. Azhar Perwaiz

16:20–16:50 Small Patients, Big Decisions — the acute abdomen in children for the general surgeon

Chairpersons: Dr. Rajani Yadav, Prof. Akhilesh Sukhlecha

16:20–16:50	30	Panel — the acute abdomen in children for the general surgeon	**Moderator:** Prof. Basant Kumar **Panellists:** Dr. Devendra Soni, Dr. Vijai Upadhyay, Dr. Gaurav Agarwal, Dr. Vikram Agarwal, Dr. Rajesh Gupta, Dr. Puneet Srivastava

16:50–19:05 Cancer Crossroads

Chairpersons: Dr. Naina Kumar Agrawal, Dr. Vipin Barthwal, Prof. Sabaretnam Mayilvaganan, Dr. Abhishek Aggarwal, Dr. Akash Agarwal

16:50–17:00	10	Evolution of management of axilla in breast cancer	Prof. Seema Khanna
17:00–17:10	10	Oligometastatic gastric cancer	Dr. Anshul Verma

17:10–17:20	10	Minimising anastomotic complications after oesophagectomy	Dr. Azhar Perwaiz
17:20–17:30	10	Nuclear medicine in general surgery	Dr. Tarun Kumar Jain
17:30–17:40	10	Rectal cancer in 2026: what the general surgeon should know	Dr. Amanjeet Singh
17:40–17:50	10	Breast reconstruction after modified radical mastectomy — the options and the role of the latissimus dorsi flap	Dr. Vipin Barthwal
17:50–18:00	10	When the pelvis gets tough, tricks that save the day	Dr. Amanjeet Singh
18:00–18:10	10	Complete mesocolic excision for colon cancer — who needs it, how far to go and what the evidence says	Dr. Manoj Moolchandani
18:10–18:20	10	Minimally invasive excision of benign breast lumps — endoscopic and vacuum-assisted techniques	Dr. Natasha Thakur
18:20–18:30	10	Management of the axilla in the era of neoadjuvant therapies in breast cancer	Dr. Anshika Arora
18:30–18:40	10	Breast conservation in 2026 — oncoplastic principles and clear margins for the general surgeon	Prof. Shameema Wani
18:40–19:05	25	Panel — breast cancer management in 2026	**Moderator:** Dr. Anshika Arora **Panellists:** Prof. Hemant Malhotra, Dr. Rahul Khubchandani, Dr. Vedant Kabra, Dr. Sandeep Joglekar (United Kingdom), Dr. Raman Marchanda, Dr. Farhat Khan

Hall C — Billroth Hall · Workshops · Surgical Skills Olympics 10:00–12:30· Radiology for Surgeons (W04) 13:00–15:30· AI for Surgeons (W15) 16:00–19:00

Hall Moderators (Organising Committee): Dr. Ravi Goyal, Dr. Sandeep Gupta, Dr. Sharad Gupta, Dr. Utkarsh Gupta

10:00–11:30 Surgical Skills Olympics — Open Category: heats

Box-trainer tasks scored under independent faculty control; winners announced at the Valedictory

Course coordinators: Prof. Prakash Kumar Sasmal
Workshop directors: Prof. Ajay Thakral, Prof. Arthur Felice (Malta)
Workshop faculty: Dr. Krunal Solanki, Dr. Rohith Kodali

11:30–12:30 Surgical Skills Olympics — Open Category: final

Box-trainer tasks scored under independent faculty control; winners announced at the Valedictory

Course coordinators: Prof. Prakash Kumar Sasmal
Workshop directors: Prof. Ajay Thakral, Prof. Arthur Felice (Malta)
Workshop faculty: Dr. Amy Gillis (Ireland)

13:00–15:30 Radiology for Surgeons — CT Abdomen & Pelvis Interpretation (W04)

Classroom, case-based, in a darkened room with large screens; 60 seats; radiologists with one or two surgeons· a perianal module: MRI of the fistula and the pelvic floor, endoanal and transperineal ultrasound

Workshop director: Dr. Archana Gupta
Workshop faculty: Dr. Rajnikant Yadav, Dr. Vaibhav Jaiswal, Dr. Harindra Sandhu

16:00–19:00 AI for Surgeons: Practical Tools & Safe Adoption (W15)

Classroom; with the AI / digital-surgery partner faculty (non-promotional); 60 seats· modules: modules of 15 minutes (12 + 3) — the basics of generative AI· writing prompts· images and video for teaching· AI agents and autonomous surgery· AI tools for presentations· building an online presence· the ethics of AI· a live demonstration of an AI tool· hands-on practice in the third hour

Course coordinators: Dr. Sanjiv Haribhakti
Workshop faculty: Dr. Harindra Sandhu, Prof. Vijay K. Mittal (USA)

16:00–16:12	12	Invited lecture opening W15: artificial intelligence for the surgeon — tools, limits and safe adoption	Dr. Sanjiv Haribhakti

Hall D — Kocher Hall · E-poster display · E-Poster Session — Batch 3 (10:00–13:00) and Batch 4 (14:00–17:00), ten e-posters each

10:00–13:00 E-Poster Session — Batch 3

ten e-posters on display 10:00–13:00; judging round 12:00–12:50 at the display in Hall D, by the panel of eight judges

Judges: Dr. Prabhat Pradhan (Bhutan), Dr. Anmol Ahuja, Dr. Mohd. Yusuf Afaque, Prof. Sadaf Ali, Dr. Abdulla Ubaid (Maldives), Dr. Andrej Nikolovski (North Macedonia), Dr. Marie Morris (Ireland), Dr. Imran Mohamed Adam (Maldives)

14:00–17:00 E-Poster Session — Batch 4

ten e-posters on display 14:00–17:00; judging round 15:10–16:00 at the display in Hall D, by the panel of eight judges

Judges: Dr. Prabhat Pradhan (Bhutan), Dr. Anmol Ahuja, Dr. Mohd. Yusuf Afaque, Prof. Sadaf Ali, Dr. Abdulla Ubaid (Maldives), Dr. Andrej Nikolovski (North Macedonia), Dr. Marie Morris (Ireland), Dr. Imran Mohamed Adam (Maldives)

Sunday, 29 November 2026 — Congress Day 3

Hall A 08:00–16:45; Hall B 08:00–15:30. Working lunch 12:30–14:30. Live surgery 08:00–11:30 in Hall A (Screen 1: live surgery from Manipal Hospital, Millers Road, Bengaluru; Screen 2: robotic low anterior resection / APR from HCG Manavata Cancer Centre, Nashik) and on the screens of Hall B (complex and redo hernia surgery, as-live, from KEM Hospital, Mumbai; upper GI / solid-organ surgery from KIMS Hospitals, Hyderabad; laparoscopic Nissen fundoplication from Apex Hospital, Moradabad). Hall A: 11:30 CME I (the foregut); 12:20 CME II (colorectal cancer); 13:00 The Finalists — Best Paper Award Session (Final), five finalists; 14:00 CME III (GI oncology); 15:00 Portal Hypertension on the Operating Table; 15:45–16:45 Valedictory Function. Hall B Screen 1: endocrine surgery 11:30–15:20. Screen 2: the complex ventral hernia 11:30, big surgery in smaller cities 12:30, the pancreatic head mass 14:00, women in surgery 15:00. Screen 3: diverticulitis 11:30, trauma 12:30, Code Red 14:00. Screen 4: Master Video Session 08:00, GIST and neuroendocrine tumours 09:30, pancreatic cancer 10:20, district-hospital minimal access surgery 11:30, gastric cancer 12:30, the anastomotic leak 14:00. Hall C: Laser Proctology (W10) 09:00–12:00, Stoma (W12) 12:00–14:00.

Hall A — Sushruta Plenary Hall · Live surgery from Manipal Hospital, Bengaluru (Screen 1)· robotic LAR / APR from HCG Manavata Nashik (Screen 2)· CME I 11:30· CME II 12:20· The Finalists 13:00· CME III 14:00· Portal Hypertension 15:00· Valedictory 15:45–16:45

Hall Moderators (Organising Committee): Dr. Abhinav Mittal, Dr. Ankur Bansal, Prof. Ishant Kumar Chaurasia

08:00–11:30 Live Operative Session V — Live Surgery from Manipal Hospital, Bengaluru (Screen 1)· Robotic Oncological Surgery from Nashik (Screen 2)

Screen 1 — live surgery — Manipal Hospital, Millers Road, Bengaluru· Screen 2 — S18: robotic distal gastrectomy with D2 lymphadenectomy, robotic right hemicolectomy with complete mesocolic excision, robotic low anterior resection with total mesorectal excision or robotic spleen-preserving distal pancreatectomy, one by case availability — HCG Manavata Cancer Centre, Nashik

Convenors: Prof. Ishant Kumar Chaurasia, Dr. Ashok Sharma

08:40–08:50	10	The perfect Wrap: Art, Science and Pitfalls of Fundoplication — on Screen 2 (split screen — the live case continues in the inset)	Dr. Arun Prasad
09:40–09:50	10	Robotic and minimally invasive oesophagectomy for carcinoma oesophagus — technique, learning curve and outcomes in 2026 — on Screen 2 (split screen — the live case continues in the inset)	Dr. Rajesh Mistry
08:00–09:10		**Screen 1: Manipal Hospital, Millers Road, Bengaluru** Live surgery	**Operating:** Dr. G. Moinoddin **Moderators:** Dr. Sai Krishna Katakam, Prof. Wasif Mohammad Ali, Dr. Mansimrat Singh
09:10–10:20		**Screen 1: Manipal Hospital, Millers Road, Bengaluru** Live surgery	**Operating:** Dr. G. Moinoddin **Moderators:** Dr. Yogesh Bang, Dr. Manoj Chaudhary, Dr. Anand Narayan Singh, Dr. Motilal Maidha
10:20–11:30		**Screen 1: Manipal Hospital, Millers Road, Bengaluru** Live surgery; questions over the link	**Operating:** Dr. G. Moinoddin **Moderators:** Prof. Ender Dulundu (Türkiye), Dr. Hemant Sharma, Dr. Vikas Gupta, Dr. H. Swamy Rajesh, Dr. Naresh Ledwani
08:00–09:10		**Screen 2: HCG Manavata Cancer Centre, Nashik** Robotic low anterior resection / abdominoperineal resection	**Operating:** Dr. Raj Nagarkar **Moderators:** Prof. Bawantha Gamage (Sri Lanka), Dr. Peeyush Varshney, Dr. Natwarlal Vyas, Dr. Rajasekhar Perumalla
09:10–10:20		**Screen 2: HCG Manavata Cancer Centre, Nashik** Robotic low anterior resection / abdominoperineal resection — block 2: the technique element	**Operating:** Dr. Raj Nagarkar **Moderators:** Dr. Matteo Mascherini (Italy), Prof. Biju Pottakkat, Dr. Shaishav Patel
10:20–11:30		**Screen 2: HCG Manavata Cancer Centre, Nashik** Robotic low anterior resection / abdominoperineal resection — block 3: completion; questions over the link	**Operating:** Dr. Raj Nagarkar **Moderators:** Dr. Vijay Ramachandran, Dr. Jaya Agarwal, Dr. Saumya Singh, Dr. Aishath Azna Ali (Maldives), Dr. Naveet Jain

11:30–12:20 CME I· The Foregut — the corrosive stricture and safe entry

Chairpersons: Dr. Vikas Mittal, Dr. Ashok Sharma, Dr. Phanindra Kumar Swain

11:30–11:40	10	The corrosive oesophagus: strictures, timing and the conduit	Prof. Arun Kapur
11:40–11:50	10	Safe entry: creating the pneumoperitoneum without regret	Prof. Ishant Kumar Chaurasia
11:50–12:20	30	Panel — corrosive oesophageal strictures: resect, bypass or reconstruct?	**Moderator:** Dr. Vipin Kumar Sharma **Panellists:** Dr. Ashok Sharma, Prof. Apoorv Shrivastava, Prof. Sujoy Pal, Dr. Bhuvanesh Kumar Sharma

12:20–13:00 CME II· Colorectal Cancer 2026 — neoadjuvant therapy, lymph nodes, the young patient and the low anterior resection

Chairpersons: Dr. Reyaz, Dr. Sanjay Kulshresthra, Dr. Abdulla Ubaid (Maldives)

12:20–12:30	10	Locally advanced rectal cancer: does every patient need neoadjuvant therapy?	Dr. Jaya Agarwal
12:30–12:40	10	Lymph nodes in rectal cancer	Prof. Antoni Szczepanik (Poland)
12:40–12:50	10	Early-onset colorectal cancer: different features of a globally rising entity	Dr. Andrej Nikolovski (North Macedonia)
12:50–13:00	10	How low can you go? The Art and Science of LAR	Prof. Bawantha Gamage (Sri Lanka)

13:00–13:50 The Finalists — Best Paper Award Session (Final)

5 finalists (10 min each) — the winners of Qualifiers 1–5; results at the Valedictory

Judges: Prof. Asuri Krishna, Prof. Sujoy Pal, Prof. Bawantha Gamage (Sri Lanka), Prof. Anu Behari, Prof. Antoni Szczepanik (Poland)

14:00–15:00 CME III· GI Oncology — four decades of GI surgery, perioperative and radiation therapy, and the limits of minimally invasive cancer surgery

Chairpersons: Dr. Sunil Sharma, Dr. Subhash Mishra, Prof. S. D. Maurya

14:00–14:10	10	Four decades of GI Surgery — What I believed then, what I know now	Prof. Sujoy Pal
14:10–14:20	10	Perioperative therapy in pancreatic, gallbladder and colon cancer	Dr. Ankur Punia
14:20–14:30	10	Radiotherapy in HCC, pancreatic cancer and rectal cancer	Dr. Anushree Loyal
14:30–14:40	10	The Puntambekar Technique: Innovations in Radical Pelvic Surgery	Dr. Shailesh Puntambekar
14:40–14:50	10	The Frozen Pelvis: Mastering the impossible through laparoscopy	Dr. Shailesh Puntambekar
14:50–15:00	10	The difficult GI cancer: testing the limits of Minimally invasive GI Surgery	Dr. Amit Jain

15:00–15:45 Portal Hypertension on the Operating Table — surgical dilemmas in EHPVO, NCPF and cirrhosis

Chairpersons: Dr. Sunil Sharma, Dr. Subhash Mishra, Dr. Rajive Gupta

15:00–15:45	45	Panel — portal hypertension on the operating table: surgical dilemmas in EHPVO, NCPF and cirrhosis	**Moderator:** Prof. Nihar Dash **Panellists:** Prof. Basant Kumar, Prof. Gaurav Kumar Gupta, Prof. Sadaf Ali, Dr. Deepak Bansal

15:45–16:45 Valedictory Function

Sushruta Plenary Hall (Hall A)· all delegates· closes the Congress

15:45–15:53	8	Report of the Congress	Dr. Himanshu Yadav
15:53–16:13	20	Awards: Best Paper Award· Best Video Award· Best E-Poster· Young Surgeons Forum prize· Surgical Skills Olympics winners	Dr. Vinod K. Singhal, Prof. Mario Testini (Italy), Dr. Prashant Gupta
16:13–16:21	8	Address by the President, ESS	Dr. Vinod K. Singhal
16:21–16:29	8	Address by the Secretary General, ESS· announcement of the 29th Annual Congress· ESS flag handover	Prof. Antoni Szczepanik (Poland)
16:29–16:39	10	Felicitation of the Organising Committee, convenors, faculty coordinators and volunteers	Dr. Prashant Gupta, Dr. Vinod K. Singhal
16:39–16:45	6	Vote of thanks and close of the Congress	Dr. Himanshu Yadav

Hall B — Moynihan Hall · Screens 1–4 — the live hours · Live Operative Session VI, 08:00–11:30 — complex and redo hernia surgery, as-live, from KEM Mumbai (Screen 1)· upper GI / solid organ from KIMS Hyderabad (Screen 2)· laparoscopic Nissen fundoplication from Apex Moradabad (Screen 3)

08:00–11:30 Live Operative Session VI — Complex and Redo Hernia Surgery As-live from KEM Hospital, Mumbai (Screen 1)· Upper GI and Solid-Organ Surgery from Hyderabad (Screen 2)· Laparoscopic Nissen Fundoplication from Moradabad (Screen 3)

Screen 1 — as-live: multiple hernia cases, complex and redo among them — KEM Hospital, Mumbai (presenter Prof. Sameer Rege)· Screen 2 — S19: laparoscopic repair of a giant (type III / IV) paraoesophageal hernia, laparoscopic spleen-preserving distal pancreatectomy or left lateral sectionectomy, one by case availability — KIMS Hospitals, Hyderabad· Screen 3 — S21: laparoscopic Nissen fundoplication for PPI-dependent GERD with a sliding hiatus hernia, the standardised technique with the Nissen / Toupet decision — Apex Hospital, Moradabad

Convenors: Prof. Binay Krishna Sarkar

08:00–09:10		**Screen 1: KEM Hospital, Mumbai (as-live)** Complex and redo hernia surgery (as-live) — multiple recorded cases	**Presented by:** Prof. Sameer Rege **Moderators:** Dr. Sudeep Banerjee, Dr. Neeraj Kumar Dewanda
09:10–10:20		**Screen 1: KEM Hospital, Mumbai (as-live)** Complex and redo hernia surgery (as-live) — continued	**Presented by:** Prof. Sameer Rege **Moderators:** Dr. Soumitra Rawat, Dr. Ritu Khare, Dr. Jaya Agarwal, Prof. Anandhi Amaranathan, Dr. Ibrahim Adhil (Maldives), Dr. Neelkamal Gupta
10:20–11:30		**Screen 1: KEM Hospital, Mumbai (as-live)** Complex and redo hernia surgery (as-live) — continued; questions	**Presented by:** Prof. Sameer Rege **Moderators:** Dr. Amy Gillis (Ireland), Dr. Siddhant Khare, Dr. Nishant Benjamin
08:00–09:10		**Screen 2: KIMS Hospitals, Hyderabad** Laparoscopic giant paraoesophageal hernia repair, spleen-preserving distal pancreatectomy or left lateral sectionectomy, by case availability — block 1	**Operating:** Dr. Phani Krishna **Moderators:** Prof. Antoni Szczepanik (Poland), Dr. Vipin Kumar Sharma
09:10–10:20		**Screen 2: KIMS Hospitals, Hyderabad** KIMS Hyderabad — block 2: the technique element	**Operating:** Dr. Phani Krishna **Moderators:** Dr. Nirjhar Raj Rakesh, Prof. Apoorv Shrivastava, Prof. Rajinder Parshad, Dr. Rahul Jain
10:20–11:30		**Screen 2: KIMS Hospitals, Hyderabad** KIMS Hyderabad — block 3: completion; questions over the link	**Operating:** Dr. Phani Krishna **Moderators:** Prof. Arun Kapur, Dr. Girish Bapat, Dr. Abdulla Ubaid (Maldives), Dr. Rajesh Mahida
08:00–09:10		**Screen 3: Apex Hospital, Moradabad** Laparoscopic Nissen fundoplication for PPI-dependent GERD with a sliding hiatus hernia — block 1: the hiatal dissection	**Moderators:** Prof. Giorgi Giorgobiani (Georgia), Dr. Janmejai Prashad Sharma, Dr. Rekha Maheshwari

09:10–10:20		**Screen 3: Apex Hospital, Moradabad** Nissen fundoplication — the wrap and closure; questions over the link	**Moderators:** Dr. Shiv Kumar Bunkar, Dr. Ritu Thakur
10:20–11:30		**Screen 3: Apex Hospital, Moradabad** Apex Hospital, Moradabad — the next case if the list allows; questions over the link	**Moderators:** Dr. Pramod Shinde, Dr. Kedar Patil, Dr. Sanjay Verma, Dr. Ahire Priya Padharinath, Dr. Rohith Kodali

Hall B — Moynihan Hall · Screen 1 · Endocrine Surgery (complex and redo hernia surgery, as-live, 08:00–11:30· thyroid 11:30· the European view 12:30· adrenal 13:00· parathyroid 14:00· master videos 14:30)

Hall Moderators (Organising Committee): Dr. Anubhav Goel, Dr. Bhuvanesh Kumar Sharma, Dr. J. P. S. Shakya, Dr. Richa Jaiman, Dr. Utkarsh Gupta

08:00–11:30 *Live Operative Session VI — Screen 1: complex and redo hernia surgery (as-live) — KEM Hospital, Mumbai — see Hall B · Screens 1–4 above*

11:30–12:30 The Thyroid Hour — nodules, cancers and the operation that fits

Chairpersons: Dr. Sandeep Agarwal, Dr. Shalu Gupta, Dr. Dinesh Yadav, Dr. Imran Mohamed Adam (Maldives)

11:30–11:40	10	Recent advances in thyroid surgery	Prof. Gyan Chand
11:40–12:30	50	Panel — nodules, cancers and the operation that fits	**Moderator:** Prof. Sabaretnam Mayilvaganan **Panellists:** Dr. Naina Kumar Agrawal, Prof. Gyan Chand, Prof. Francesco Prete (Italy), Dr. Aradhana Singh, Dr. Sukhdev Pandey, Dr. Hemant Goyal

12:30–13:00 The European View — thyroid and parathyroid surgery as practised across Europe: calcium, neoplasms and the safe operation

Chairpersons: Dr. Navneet Tripathi, Dr. Shwetank Prakash, Dr. Umesh Garg

12:30–12:40	10	Calcium and parathyroid — what to do?	Prof. Guido Gasparri (Italy)
12:40–12:50	10	Parathyroid: Retrospective Analysis of Neoplasms Incidence (pTRANI study)	Prof. Mario Testini (Italy)
12:50–13:00	10	Safe thyroid surgery: nerve, parathyroid and the voice	Prof. Sabaretnam Mayilvaganan

13:00–13:30 The Adrenal Surprise — the incidentaloma and the functioning adrenal tumour

Chairpersons: Prof. Shameema Wani, Dr. Varun Agarwal, Dr. Vishal Patil

13:00–13:30	30	Panel — the incidentaloma and the functioning adrenal tumour	**Moderator:** Prof. Sameer Rege **Panellists:** Prof. Sabaretnam Mayilvaganan, Dr. Navneet Tripathi, Prof. Wasif Mohammad Ali, Prof. Gyan Chand, Dr. Vineet Verma, Dr. Manoj Sharma

13:30–14:00 Best Video Award Session (Final)

6 finalists (5 min each: 4 + 1) — the six best videos of the Qualifiers; judged by the international faculty; results at the Valedictory

Judges: Prof. Mario Testini (Italy), Prof. Rossen Madjov (Bulgaria), Prof. Giorgi Giorgobiani (Georgia), Dr. Amy Gillis (Ireland), Prof. Ender Dulundu (Türkiye), Prof. Guido Gasparri (Italy)

14:00–14:30 Hide and Seek — the elusive parathyroid adenoma

Chairpersons: Dr. Y. P. Singh, Dr. Sandeep Vohra, Dr. Bhupendra Singh

14:00–14:30	30	Panel — the elusive parathyroid adenoma	**Moderator:** Prof. Sabaretnam Mayilvaganan **Panellists:** Prof. Guido Gasparri (Italy), Prof. Mario Testini (Italy), Prof. Gyan Chand, Dr. Sapana Bothra Jain, Dr. Ankur Awasthi, Dr. Mukund Mundra

14:30–15:20 Endocrine on Camera — master videos in endocrine surgery

Four operative videos of 12 min each (10 + 2 discussion) — each presenter chooses the video; titles to be sent to the Secretariat

Chairpersons: Dr. Rishi Mahajan, Dr. Vikas Mittal, Dr. Abhishek Sharma
Video presenters: Prof. Guido Gasparri (Italy), Dr. Navneet Tripathi, Prof. Gyan Chand, Prof. Sameer Rege

14:30–15:20	50	Master videos — master videos in endocrine surgery	**Video presenters:** Prof. Guido Gasparri (Italy), Dr. Navneet Tripathi, Prof. Gyan Chand, Prof. Sameer Rege

Hall B — Moynihan Hall · Screen 2 · Hernia, Transplantation & the Pancreas (live upper GI / solid-organ feed 08:00–11:30· the complex ventral hernia 11:30· big surgery, smaller cities 12:30· the pancreatic head mass 14:00· women in surgery 15:00)

Hall Moderators (Organising Committee): Dr. Abhishek Arora, Dr. Manish Goyal, Dr. Mohd. Yusuf Afaque, Dr. Dhruv Mahajan

08:00–11:30 *Live Operative Session VI — Screen 2: live upper GI / solid-organ surgery — KIMS Hospitals, Hyderabad — see Hall B · Screens 1–4 above*

11:30–12:30 The Wall Rebuilt — the complex ventral hernia, from oncological defects to TAR

Chairpersons: Dr. Subhash Mishra, Dr. Kapil Dev, Dr. Abhishek Sharma, Dr. Arvind Rai

11:30–11:40	10	The complex abdominal wall hernia: planning the reconstruction	Dr. Parveen Bhatia
11:40–11:50	10	Reconstruction of extensive abdominal wall defects after oncological resection	Dr. Vipin Barthwal
11:50–12:00	10	Posterior component separation (TAR) — technique, pitfalls and outcomes	Prof. Sameer Rege
12:00–12:30	30	Panel — the complex ventral hernia, and the ventral hernia found at bariatric surgery: repair now or later?	**Moderator:** Prof. Sameer Rege **Panellists:** Prof. Giorgi Giorgobiani (Georgia), Prof. Rossen Madjov (Bulgaria), Dr. Ritu Khare, Dr. Roopali, Dr. Vikram Agarwal, Dr. Himanshu Singh

12:30–13:40 Big Surgery, Smaller Cities — liver transplantation, HPB and advanced laparoscopy beyond the metros

Chairpersons: Dr. Puneet Agarwal, Dr. Brijesh Singh, Dr. Abhishek Yadav, Dr. Pradeep Panwar

12:30–12:40	10	What is the global status of liver transplantation today?	Dr. Hemant Sharma
12:40–12:50	10	No Portal Vein, No Problem? Innovative Inflow Strategies in Liver Transplantation	Dr. Rajasekhar Perumalla
12:50–13:00	10	Should liver transplantation be offered for unresectable liver metastases?	Dr. Abhishek Yadav
13:00–13:40	40	Panel — setting up HPB, transplant and advanced laparoscopic services in tier-2 and tier-3 cities	**Moderator:** Dr. Hemant Sharma **Panellists:** Dr. Tseten Yonjen Tamang (Nepal), Dr. Sudesh Sharda, Dr. Jugindra S., Prof. Sadaf Ali, Dr. H. Swamy Rajesh, Dr. Vikas Gupta, Dr. Abhishek Yadav

14:00–15:00 Mass in the Head of the Pancreas — cysts, chronic pancreatitis or cancer? Three talks and the faculty panel

Chairpersons: Dr. Divya Jain, Dr. Anoop Dixit, Dr. Roshan Lal, Dr. Nitin Garg			
14:00–14:10	10	Pancreatic cystic lesions: pseudocyst or neoplasm — getting the diagnosis right	Dr. Vikas Gupta
14:10–14:20	10	Beyond Frey: Reinventing Surgery for Chronic Pancreatitis	Prof. Biju Pottakkat
14:20–14:30	10	Pancreaticojejunostomy in Whipple's, open and laparoscopic, and laparoscopic hepaticojejunostomy — my techniques	Prof. Ajay Sharma
14:30–15:00	30	Case-based panel — the pancreatic head mass	**Moderator:** Prof. Sujoy Pal **Panellists:** Dr. Pradeep Jain, Prof. Ajay Sharma, Dr. Divya Jain, Dr. Yash Vardhan Sinha, Dr. Anand Narayan Singh, Dr. Raman Marchanda

15:00–15:30 Her Scalpel — women in surgery: training, practice and leadership			
Chairpersons: Dr. Juhi Singhal, Dr. Sunita Suman, Prof. Aparna Garg			
15:00–15:30	30	Panel — women in surgery: training, practice and leadership	**Moderator:** Dr. Jaya Agarwal **Panellists:** Dr. Amy Gillis (Ireland), Dr. Marie Morris (Ireland), Prof. Anandhi Amaranathan, Dr. Arun Rathore, Dr. Ankur Kishore Agarwal, Dr. Prashant Jain

Hall B — Moynihan Hall · Screen 3 · Colorectal Emergencies & Trauma (live Nissen fundoplication feed 08:00–11:30· diverticulitis 11:30· trauma 12:30· Code Red 14:00)

Hall Moderators (Organising Committee): Dr. H. L. Rajput, Dr. Jagat Pal Singh, Dr. Laveena Balani, Dr. Rajesh Gupta, Dr. Nitin Goyal, Dr. Karan Rawat

08:00–11:30 *Live Operative Session VI — Screen 3: live laparoscopic Nissen fundoplication — Apex Hospital, Moradabad — see Hall B · Screens 1–4 above*

11:30–12:30 Diverticulitis, Decided — from conservative care to emergency resection, and the fate of Hartmann's			
Chairpersons: Dr. K. K. Agarwal, Dr. Lokesh, Dr. Mohit Mathur, Dr. Nitin Garg			
11:30–12:30	60	Panel — from conservative care to emergency resection, and the fate of Hartmann's	**Moderator:** Dr. Sanjiv Haribhakti **Panellists:** Dr. Hemant Nautiyal, Dr. Sachin Arora, Prof. Shyam Lal, Dr. Animesh Gupta, Dr. Deepak Sharma, Dr. Gaurav Singh

12:30–13:20 Chest, Belly, Blast — trauma and emergency surgery of the injured chest and abdomen *with rectal trauma on the damage-control panel*			
Chairpersons: Maj Gen Kanwarjit Singh, Dr. Sarina Agarwal, Dr. Dinesh Yadav			
12:30–12:40	10	Chest trauma: the tube, the thoracotomy and the decisions in between	Dr. Vaibhav Jaiswal
12:40–12:50	10	Blast and ballistic injuries of the abdomen — the military surgeon's approach	Maj Gen Kanwarjit Singh
12:50–13:20	30	Panel — damage control and the open abdomen	**Moderator:** Maj Gen Kanwarjit Singh **Panellists:** Dr. Vaibhav Jaiswal, Dr. Ritu Thakur, Prof. Valerii Kryshen (Ukraine), Dr. Saumya Singh, Dr. Mridul Bansal, Dr. J. D. Singh

14:00–14:50 Code Red — GI bleeding, the obstructed colon and the GI emergency

cases: the upper GI bleed and the surgeon in the endoscopic era· the lower GI bleed· perforated diverticulitis· sigmoid volvulus· the obstructed left colon· colonoscopic perforation· the iatrogenic injury — ureter, presacral bleeding, when the gynaecologist calls

Hall B — Moynihan Hall · Screen 4 · GI Oncology, Minimal Access & Colorectal Surgery (Master Video Session 08:00–09:30· GIST and NET 09:30· pancreatic cancer 10:20· district-hospital MAS 11:30· gastric cancer 12:30· the anastomotic leak 14:00)

Hall Moderators (Organising Committee): Dr. Avnish Saxena, Dr. Prashant Lavania, Dr. Vikas Mittal, Dr. Puneet Srivastava, Dr. Surendra Pathak

08:00–09:30 Master Video Session

Operative master videos, each followed by discussion

Chairpersons: Dr. Prashant Lavania, Dr. Puneet Srivastava, Dr. Rajesh Gupta, Dr. Avnish Saxena

09:30–10:20 Rare but Real — GIST and neuroendocrine tumours of the gut and pancreas

Chairpersons: Dr. Narendra Deo, Dr. Mohanasundaram, Dr. Vivek Kumar, Dr. Pradeep Panwar

09:30–10:20	50	Panel — GIST and neuroendocrine tumours of the gut and pancreas	**Moderator:** Prof. Amit Gupta **Panellists:** Dr. Rahul Gautam, Dr. Vipin Kumar Sharma, Dr. Pradeep Jain, Dr. Kaushal Anand, Prof. Ajay Sharma, Dr. Subhash Mishra, Dr. Vikash Sharma

10:20–11:30 Borderline — pancreatic cancer, neoadjuvant therapy and the question of resectability, and the Whipple itself

Chairpersons: Dr. Sai Krishna Katakam, Dr. Rakesh Kumar Singh, Prof. Sujoy Pal, Dr. Imran Mohamed Adam (Maldives)

10:20–10:30	10	The Middle Ground: Is central Pancreatectomy worth the trouble	Dr. Ameet Kumar
10:30–10:40	10	Whipple without the Wobbles: Mastering the toughest steps	Dr. Pradeep Jain
10:40–11:30	50	Panel — pancreatic cancer, neoadjuvant therapy and the question of resectability	**Moderator:** Prof. Sujoy Pal **Panellists:** Dr. Anushree Loyal, Prof. Gaurav Kumar Gupta, Dr. Kapil Dev, Dr. Subhash Mishra, Dr. Siddharth Dhar Maurya, Dr. Farhat Khan

11:30–12:30 District Hospital, World-Class Keyhole — minimal access surgery where the resources are thin, on video

Two talks, then operative videos of 12 min each (10 + 2 discussion) — each presenter chooses the video; titles to be sent to the Secretariat

Chairpersons: Prof. Mohit Kumar Badgurjar, Dr. Ashwani Dalal, Dr. Bhawna Verma, Dr. Pramod Verma
Video presenters: Dr. Natasha Thakur, Dr. Alankar Gupta, Dr. Ramendra Kumar Jauhari

11:30–11:40	10	When anatomy deceives — Navigating the impossible in Laparoscopic GI surgery	Dr. Sandeep Verma
11:40–11:50	10	Inflammatory bowel disease for the surgeon	Dr. Soumitra Rawat
11:50–12:30	40	Master videos — minimal access surgery where the resources are thin	**Video presenters:** Dr. Natasha Thakur, Dr. Alankar Gupta, Dr. Ramendra Kumar Jauhari

12:30–13:30 Gastric Cancer 2026 — the update and the master videos

Two updates of 10 minutes, then three operative videos — each presenter chooses the video; titles to be sent to the Secretariat

Chairpersons: Dr. Khem Chand Panjwani, Dr. M. L. Dixit, Dr. Pankaj Sharma, Dr. Arvind Rai
Video presenters: Dr. Siddhant Khare, Dr. Gautam Anand, Dr. Arvind Kumar Chauhan

12:30–12:40	10	Recent advances and trials in the management of carcinoma stomach	Prof. Anandhi Amaranathan

12:40–12:50	10	Minimally invasive gastrectomy for carcinoma stomach — where the evidence stands in 2026	Prof. Rajinder Parshad
12:50–13:30	40	Master videos — the update and the master videos	**Video presenters:** Dr. Siddhant Khare, Dr. Gautam Anand, Dr. Arvind Kumar Chauhan

14:00–15:00 The Leak — anastomotic leak in colorectal surgery: prevention, detection, management and the oral-antibiotic question

the leak board: the positive air-leak test· the late low leak· the leak after neoadjuvant therapy· life after the anastomosis — low anterior resection syndrome

Chairpersons: Dr. Vivek Sachan, Dr. Anang Upadhyay, Prof. Aparna Garg, Dr. Pramod Verma

14:00–14:06	6	The stoma reversal: Why is putting back so difficult	Dr. Sachin Arora
14:06–14:32	26	Panel — anastomotic leak in colorectal surgery: prevention, detection, management and the oral-antibiotic question	**Moderator:** Dr. Aparna Deshpande **Panellists:** Dr. Matteo Mascherini (Italy), Dr. Amit Jain, Dr. Pranjal Garg, Dr. Arun Prakash Dwivedi, Dr. Sachin Yadav
14:32–15:00	28	Debate — "A diverting ileostomy is unnecessary after most low anterior resections"	**Moderator:** Dr. Poonam Gupta **Against the motion:** Dr. Sachin Yadav

Hall C — Billroth Hall · Workshops · Laser Proctology (W10) 09:00–12:00· Stoma (W12) 12:00–14:00

Hall Moderators (Organising Committee): Dr. Ravi Goyal, Dr. Sandeep Gupta, Dr. Sharad Gupta, Dr. Shavez Khan

09:00–12:00 Multi-Platform Laser & Energy Procedures in Proctology

Laser–tissue interaction, safety (eye protection, plume, fibre traceability) + hands-on stations with up to five non-exclusive partners; 30 seats· after the procedure: ERAS, pain control and dressings in proctology

Course coordinators: Dr. Ankur Bansal, Dr. Shavez Khan

Workshop faculty: Dr. Jitendra Kumar, Dr. Navneet Mishra, Prof. S. K. Bhartiya, Dr. Mohd. Merajuddin (UAE), Dr. Adil Mohammed Suleman (UAE), Dr. Krunal Solanki

12:00–14:00 Surgical Stoma Formation, Maturation & Complications — surgeon module (W12)

Demonstration and discussion led by the directors: stoma planning, construction, maturation and the management of early complications· the high-output stoma· the parastomal hernia

Workshop directors: Dr. Laveena Balani, Dr. Nitin Goyal

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