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FROM THE DESK OF YOUR SECRETARY



Dear members

Dear Colleagues

Greetings to all of you from the executive committee!

A well organized CT CME, a well attended midterm general body and a new dynamic website inaugurated! All that filled every member of the IACTS with pride and satisfaction fuels this newsletter as I share it with you with a happiness that only needs to be communicated!

The CMC team displayed a well oiled machinery that stood testimony to the years of maturity of one of the oldest institution of our nation.

We as an association have excelled in academic activities that include our iPREP, Grand Rounds, CT CME and Technocollege. The latest Grand rounds feaured the art of Atrial Fibrillation surgery and its nuances. An academic album that rocked the pillars of science across audiences across the globe! The pride of all cardiovascular and thoracic surgeons of our nation and we at the EC have been the thread in the garland uniting heroes across our states and showcasing all they have to share for the universal benefit of surgeons and patients the world over. You are the champions and we will rock you! Always!

The journey from the academic extravaganza of Mumbai that seemed o so unbeatable every single day to Kolkata which is vying to outdo it by careful preparation is not just interesting but exhilarating!

The new website has filled in all the gaps created by the passage of time. A well lubricated machinery at its back end ensures a seamless enjoyable browsing experience for the members. The information gathered fills all with pride as we look into the past and envisage the future!

The journey of the National IACTS Database has gained momentum with a steady increase in interest across the nation.

The multiple facets of our profession have been painted in gold by our collective wisdom and talent and as we hold hands with everyone we have nowhere else to go but up. Even as we rise let us keep our feet grounded in the wisdom that we do it for all across the globe and to this end all our achievements are shared in that spirit of universal concern and humility!

Warmly yours,

Dr Jacob Jamesraj MB MS MCh FIACS FRCS Edin

Secretary, Indian Association of Cardiovascular-Thoracic Surgeons

PRESIDENT MESSAGE

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Dear Colleagues and Friends,

Shubho Bijoya and a very Happy Dussehra to you and your families.

This festive season celebrates the triumph of good over evil, and it is a fitting moment to reflect on where our profession stands. At a time when everyone around us seems to be bulldozing their way to success, we doctors remain a soft lot, often shying away from speaking up for ourselves. In keeping with the spirit of the season, let us resolve to stand together and quell the forces that threaten the progress of Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgeons across the country.

Today, doctors are busy competing with one another while others have quietly taken control of the patient's journey through the healthcare ecosystem. If we continue down this path, we will lose our voice in decisions that shape our profession and our patients' care. It is time to stop competing and embark upon a journey of cooperation.

One area where we must speak with one voice is fair compensation. The remuneration of a Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgeon should be a minimum of 30% of the package advertised by any healthcare provider. For entry-level positions, a minimum guaranteed respectable remuneration per month should be mandatory. Our young surgeons give years of rigorous training to this specialty, and they deserve the dignity of a fair and assured income.

Equally pressing is the menace of touts and purchased referrals. This system must be banned. It breeds bad-mouthing among colleagues and erodes the trust and credibility that patients place in us. Let me state it plainly: the biggest threat to Indian healthcare is not a lack of talent, but commission-driven patient diversion.

I urge every one of us to stop medical jousting. Speaking ill of a colleague to win a patient diminishes all of us. Collaborate before you lose control of healthcare.

If Amul's farmers could come together to build a cooperative empire, why can't India's doctors? Their strength came not from individual brilliance but from unity of purpose. We have the talent, the dedication and the numbers. What we need now is the will to work together.

Before I close, I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to our hard-working Secretary, Dr. Jacob, who has also designed our brand-new website, a wonderful resource for all members. I encourage you to explore it. My sincere thanks to our Treasurer, Dr. Bijoy Kutty, an excellent asset to the Association, who is doing a marvellous job in carrying forward the good work of his predecessor. My warm congratulations to Dr. O. P. Yadava for taking on the demanding role of Chairman of the Database Committee, steadily putting things together and building it up with the active participation of our EC members. I also wish to place on record my appreciation for Dr. Pradeep Narayan, who is doing excellent work leading the Indian Journal of Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery as its Editor.

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all to IACTS 2027 in Kolkata this February. Our Organising Secretary, Dr. Debasis Das, is an astute organiser who is putting together an excellent academic programme, collaborating with all the subspecialty organisations as well as international organisations from around the world. I look forward to seeing each of you in the City of Joy.

Once again, Shubho Bijoya and Happy Dussehra. Let us carry the spirit of this season forward, united in purpose and strengthened by cooperation.

With warm regards,

Dr. Satyajit Bose

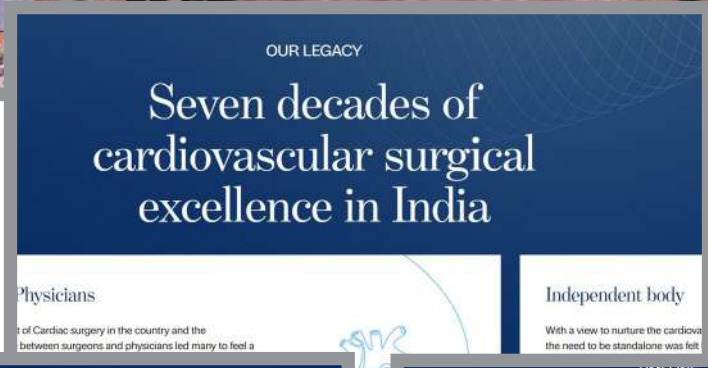
President, Indian Association of Cardio-Thoracic Surgeons (IACTS)



WEB SITE LAUNCH

A brand new state of the art website sporting a futuristic look loaded with the latest features for smooth interaction and a pleasant readability was launched on the 28th of August 2026. The Secretary explained the features to all members present after it was inaugurated. Members expressed appreciation for the efforts taken.









Elections, Orations, IACTS Events and Lifetime Achievement awards

Applications for the post of Junior Vice President, Two Executive Members and Venue for IACTSCON 2030 are solicited. The elections will be held at the IACTSCON 2027 in the annual general body meeting. The details are on the website www.iacts.org Applications should reach the secretary before 31 Dec 2026.

Applications for the Orations and the Memorial lectures are solicited. Details are on our website. Applications should reach the secretary before 15 Dec 2026.

Applications for the IACTS events are invited. Kindly refer website for details on iPREP, CT CME, Technocollege and Thoracic CME !

Nominations and applications for the Lifetime achievement awards 2027 are also open. Details are on our website.

We wish many of you would participate and we wish all of you well.

Kindly update your profile page and download your membership ID card with QR code and keep it handy please
Kindly contact Secretary in case of any difficulty



IACTS CT CME 2026 and Midterm GBM



The Christian Medical College team conducted a very successful CT CME on the 28th and 29th of August 2026 under the leadership of Dr Korah Kuruvilla. Attended by more than 200 delegates it witnessed one of the most intense multidirectional transfer of knowledge with a seamless sequence of events making it one of the best organized events of the decade!







IACTS CT CME 2026 and Midterm GBM









3rd Onsite iPREP 2026









The Department of Cardiovascular & Thoracic Surgery at the U. N. Mehta Institute of Cardiology & Research Centre (UNMICRC), Ahmedabad, successfully hosted the 3rd Onsite CVTS CME & iPREP 2026 from 4th to 6th September 2026, in collaboration with the Indian Association of Cardiovascular-Thoracic Surgeons (IACTS). The three-day academic programme, themed "Curriculum Update for Young Cardiovascular Surgeons & Residents," was designed to bridge the gap between routine clinical training and final examination readiness for M.Ch and DrNB residents from across the country. The event saw enthusiastic participation from over 60 residents representing institutions across India and total registrations of 160. The programme opened with an inaugural ceremony graced by Dr. Satyajit Bose, President, IACTS, along with Heads of Department from across UNMICRC, and was formally inaugurated by Dr. Chirag Doshi, Director, UNMICRC. The CME featured a distinguished national faculty line-up, including Dr. Jacob Jamesraj (Secretary, IACTS), Dr. Bijoy Kutty (Joint Secretary & Treasurer, IACTS), Dr. Devagourou Velayoudam (Junior Past President, IACTS), and several other eminent surgeons from leading institutions nationwide. Structured around a simulation-based examination format, the programme included long and short case presentations, mock vivas with structured faculty feedback, a competitive quiz, and hands-on instrument sessions. A key highlight this year was Meet The Mentor- sessions, hands-on Robotic Van experience and Endoscopic Vein Harvesting (EVH) sessions, giving residents direct exposure to advanced surgical technologies. The three days combined rigorous academic preparation with practical, hands-on learning — reflecting UNMICRC's continued commitment to nurturing the next generation of cardiovascular and thoracic surgeons in India.

IACTS Technocollege 2026

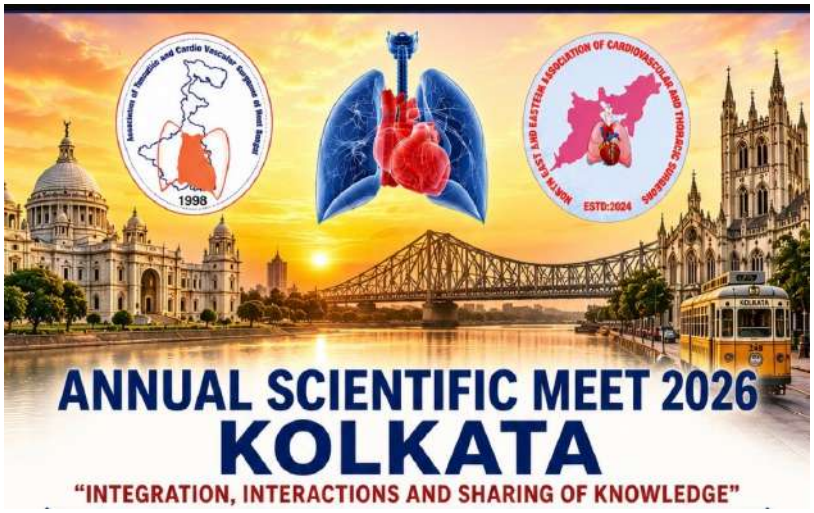
The IACTS Technocollege 2026 was a grand success! Conducted by the Nizam"s Institute of Medical Sciences Hyderabad under the able leadership of Dr Amaresh Mallampatti, the event saw more than 250 avid participants! The workshops conducted on Friday the 23rd October was well attended and appreciated. The discussions after every talk had a good deal of time allotted and well participated! Dr Amaresh took personal interest encouraging every member to contribute and discuss. The entire team at NIMS was very supportive and hospitable !











The Annual Scientific Meet 2026 of **ATCVS-WB and NEEACTS** was a resounding success, with enthusiastic participation from faculty and delegates across India, particularly from the **Northeast and the regional states of Odisha, Jharkhand and Bihar.** The scientific program was rich and diverse, with a special focus on trainees and young surgeons.

The award paper session showcased excellent original research from the region, while moderated poster presentations highlighted unusual cases and innovative studies.

The pre-conference workshops on endoscopic cardiac surgery and VSR repair were very well attended. **Dr. Tapas Ray Chaudhury and Dr. Sushila Mitra** were conferred the Lifetime Achievement Award by ATCVS-WB for their outstanding contributions to the field.















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Word from our Editor

Dear Colleagues,

As Editor-in-Chief of IJTC, I would like to invite every member of our association to take a more active part in the journal: as an author, a reviewer or a reader.

In our daily practice, we encounter innovative ideas, valuable institutional experiences and individual clinical insights that deserve to be shared. Many of these could form the basis of an original article, a case series or a case report. I urge you to look at your own work and consider what others might learn from it. We would welcome the opportunity to consider your manuscripts and, through constructive editorial and peer-review feedback, help you strengthen them.

If you have some time to contribute beyond your clinical commitments, please consider joining us as a reviewer. Thoughtful peer review helps authors improve their work and is essential to maintaining the quality of the journal. We would be pleased to hear from colleagues interested in contributing in their areas of expertise.

And if writing or reviewing is not possible at present, you can still make an equally valuable contribution: read the journal and tell us what you think. Let us know what we are doing well, what you find useful and what we could do better. Your feedback helps us make the journal more relevant to your practice.

Reading IJTC is now easier than ever. We continue to circulate more than 1,100 print copies to our members, while online access has become more convenient through the newly revamped IACTS website. Accessing IJTC online is now straightforward. Simply log in to the IACTS website using your membership credentials, then click on the “Journal” tab to access the journal’s publications and read the full articles. I thank our Secretary, Dr Jacob Jamesraj, for his initiative in revamping the website and making access easier for our members.

We are also reaching out through X, Instagram, LinkedIn and our WhatsApp channel. Please scan the accompanying QR codes to follow IJTC on your preferred platform, keep up with newly published articles and share them with colleagues.

We are making every effort to reach you. I hope you will reach back, with your work, your expertise and your feedback and help our journal grow.

Thank you for your continued support.

Dr Pradeep Narayan
Editor in Chief
Indian Journal of Thoracic
and Cardiovascular Surgery



Just an update from the

IACTS 'National Database'

We have been working at the back end, structurally strengthening and meeting the regulatory and legal requirements for the database. A Data Protection Committee, with yours truly as the Data Protection Officer, has been constituted. With professional help, an agreement has been drawn complying with the statutes of the DPDP Act 2023. This agreement has to be executed by all institutions. As an enabler and for your convenience, we have preconfigured a proposal letter and PPT presentation for Institutional Ethics Committee meeting. The complete deck has been sent electronically to you, and is available at IACTS website also, under the 'Database' vertical. It is requested that you should take the nod from the institutional head, as well as from the IEC for patient consent waiver. Even though the data is being captured anonymized, this waver is mandatory.

We have also tried our hands at advocacy. A delegation, led by President IACTS, met Dr. Abhijath Sheth - Chairman, NMC, for his endorsement of the IACTS database. We are also making efforts to meet Member, Niti Aayog - Prof Srinivas, and the Chair of the National Health Authority, for data collaboration.

Just as we keep making efforts on our part, I beseech all the unit heads to please join the National Database at the earliest…..Without you, we are nothing.

O.P. Yadava
Chairman, IACTS National Database

A GREEN STEP TOWARDS IACTSCON 2027

THANK YOU, ATCVSWB & NEEACTS

For supporting our Green Initiative during the 28th Annual Scientific Meet 2026

TO OFFSET THE CARBON FOOTPRINT

of our upcoming IACTSCON 2027, Kolkata



Together, we move towards a greener, more sustainable future.

Tree planting at ASM 2026 continues the carbon-offset initiative for IACTSCON 2027.

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Obituary

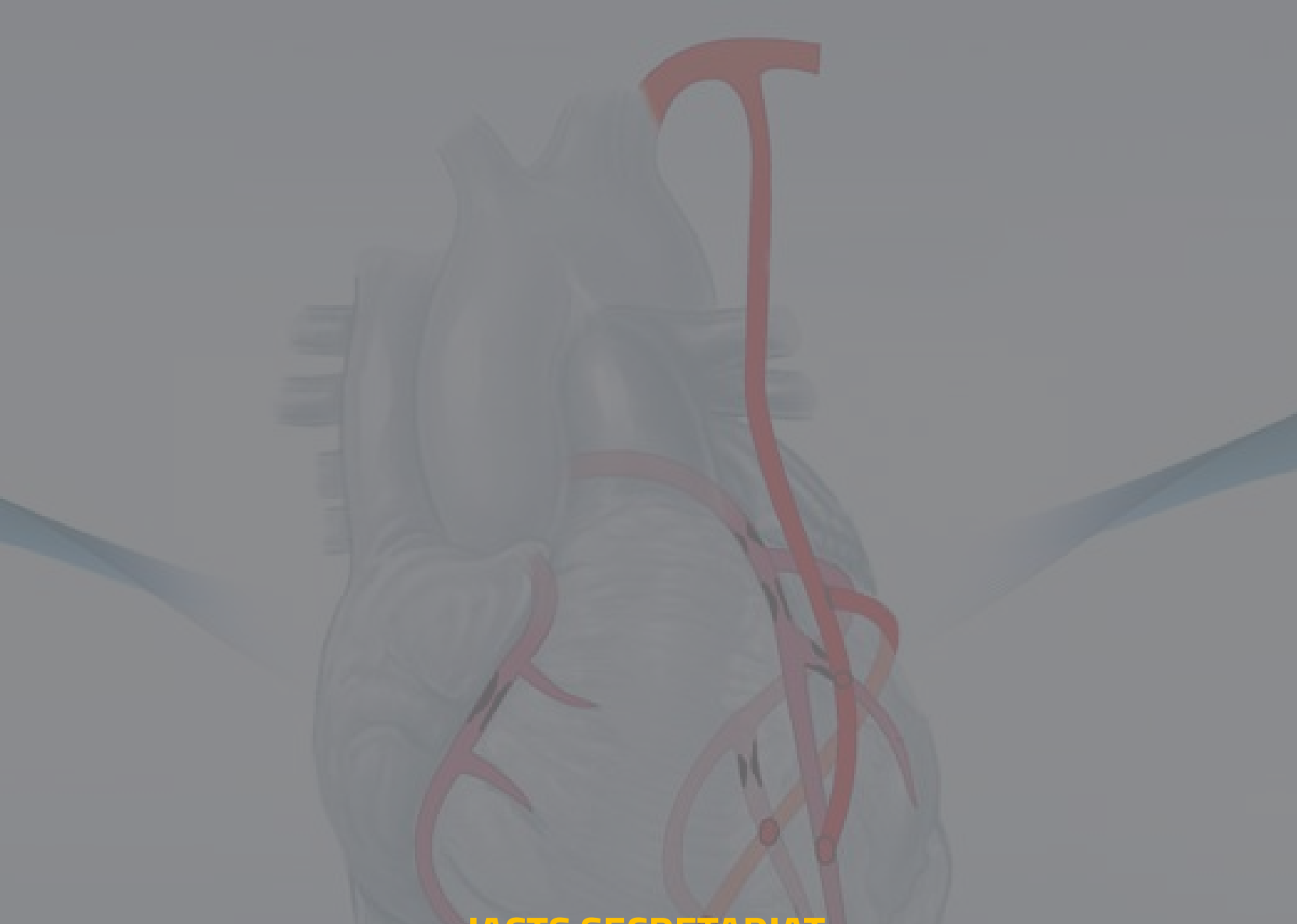


Dr David Paul Taggart

It is with profound sadness that we share the news of the passing of David P. Taggart MD, PhD, a tremendous leader, brilliant colleague, generous mentor, and true friend to so many in the cardiac surgery community. David passed away on August 8, 2026, following a brief battle with cancer.

David Taggart partnered with John Puskas to co-found the International Coronary Congress in 2015 and later co-founded its parent society, the International Society for Coronary Artery Surgery (ISCAS). His dedication to advancing coronary artery surgery, his commitment to education and innovation, and his generosity as a mentor have left a foundational impact on our Society and our field.

Through his leadership, scholarship, and unwavering commitment to the scientific pursuit of excellence in coronary surgery, David helped define the mission and guide the growth of ISCAS globally. His contributions extended far beyond his numerous landmark publications and remarkable lectures; he was a trusted colleague and friend whose enthusiasm, generosity, and passion for coronary artery surgery inspired those around him.



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