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# IACTS Executive Committee



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# Secretary's Message

Greetings dear members,

All acts of duty, that shall contribute towards a better tomorrow require great communication – and require a compilation to re-visit dedicated services that shall resound with all the facets of practices for the coming years. As we all gear up towards 2024, here we are at the brink of this year with a report of milestones adhered to, all within the bounds of these pages.

The Technocollege CME at Ahmedabad and Midterm GBM at Madurai were one of its kind events conducted, catering to the expectations of meeting with upgrading the expertise at hand.

Another initiative, currently in progress, are mentor-ship at your doorstep which can be availed by contacting the secretary's office, Fellowship program on Heart and Lung transplant and IACTS fellowship Program in MICS.

In an approach to benefit members further, additional journals are being looked into with the help of Elsevier team members. In collaboration with the Indian College of Anesthesiologists (ICA) and the Indian Society of Critical Care Medicine, Bangalore, The Echo Cardiography Certified Fellowship program successfully completed its one year with exams, and applications for the second year is now open. The association has also received requests to look into the introduction of Adult Robotic Fellowship programs.

The elections to the Executive Committee of the Association are scheduled to take place during the 70th Annual Conference of the IACTS at Bhubaneswar, Odisha. Looking forward to meeting you all at the conference. Let me conclude with an inspiring thought by the great poet Rabindranath Tagore: "I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service. I acted and behold, service was joy."

In reflection to the above quote, I would like to remind all my dear colleagues that we have been offered a great platform like the IACTS to contribute to society, and as we step into the next lap of our journey, I wish all members progress and accomplishment towards making a positive impact in society in the coming year, 2024. Good wishes for a prosperous year ahead!



Dr. C. S. Hiremath

*Secretary*

*Indian Association of Cardiovascular - Thoracic Surgeons*





# President's Message

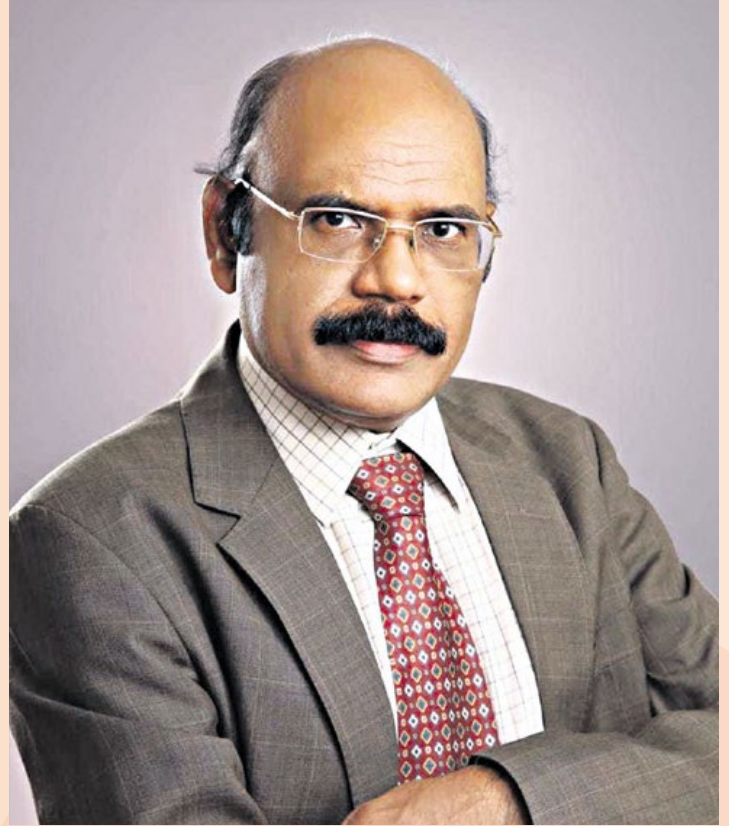
Dear Esteemed Friends and Colleagues,

I trust this message finds each member of the IACTS in good health and high spirits. I am delighted to share the success of our IACTS Technocollege CME 2023 in Ahmedabad in the month of April, marked by robust attendance and insightful discussions on contemporary medical topics. The event featured well-presented talks that garnered significant interest, especially in the realm of Cardio-Thoracic Surgery.

Our Cardiac CME and Mid-term GBM in Madurai in the month of October 2023, was an overwhelming success, boasting an impressive turnout and a thoughtfully curated series of topics delivered by distinguished speakers from across the country. As we look forward, the IACTS Thoracic CME beckons on the horizon, scheduled for December in Hyderabad. Anticipating another triumph, I extend a warm invitation to all of you to participate in this enriching event.

In addition to these events, the groundwork for the 70th Annual Conference of the Indian Association of Cardiovascular Thoracic Surgeons is well underway. Notably, the AATS/IACTS Cardiovascular Post Graduate Course is set to unfold during IACTSCON 2024 on 08/Feb/2024. This one-day postgraduate course, under the expert guidance of Program Director Dr. Marc Moon, will showcase a world-class faculty of internationally recognized experts. They will delve into lectures on groundbreaking science and techniques in Cardiovascular Surgery.

As we prepare for IACTSCON 2024, rest assured that we are dedicated to curating an exceptional program that reflects the latest advancements in our field. I look forward to your active participation and the collective success that awaits us.



Dr. Lokeswara Rao Sajja

*54<sup>th</sup> President*

*Indian Association of Cardiovascular Thoracic Surgeons*



# Editor's Musings

Dear Friends,

I write this note on the morning of the cricket '2023 World cup' final, very best to all of us, and 'Team India'.

In today's Hindustan Times newspaper, is an article "Chopra, Bindra and Olympic learnings in tackling pressure", essentially advising 'Team India', "There's so much happening around you that distraction can lead to doom. That is why athletes have routines – when under pressure too, they just do what they usually do." I couldn't help but notice a kind of uncanny resemblance to the 'pressures' that our profession is facing, or perceived to be facing, of possible extinction due to the sustained onslaught of disruptive new technologies, and the lessons we can learn on 'staying the course'.



I have already aired my views on the subject matter in a recent editorial for our journal, "Wire-skills for cardiac surgeons ? – No, with a capital 'N', and shall run the risk of being insistently repetitive, spilling any more ink on the subject. I have also received, to my absolute delight, my overwhelmingly fair share of 'bouquets'; and to spice up the debate, some bruising 'brickbats'. I have decided to retain the 'bouquets', and publish only the 'brickbats', which you shall read in the next issue of IJTC. It is only with this cross-fertilization of opposing viewpoints, that we are going to emerge with a victorious formula, the 'Elixir vitae', a kind of magic potion for our specialty.

Bottom line, keep airing your views; our eyes and ears yearn for more... and even our 'Dil mange more'.

Hail 'Team India' and 'Team IACTS'.

Dr. O. P Yadava

**Editor-in-Chief**  
*Indian Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery*



# Recently Concluded Events

## *Nurturing Basics to Reach Beyond*

### *IACTS MIDTERM CONFERENCE - CARDIAC CME & GBM 2023, MADURAI*

14-15 Oct, 2023:

The two-day conference at Madurai themed Nurturing Basics to Reach Beyond focused to benefit budding as well as seasoned Cardiac Surgeons. “This program provides you with a wealth of information, inspiration and networking opportunities for CVTS resident, young / mid-career surgeons as well as seasoned practitioners,” opined Dr. M. S. Ramprassath, Organizing Secretary.



The comprehensively compiled conference had lectures for fine-tuning consultant practice, exclusive teaching video sessions for all basic procedures, ECMO & CPB assembling, running, and troubleshooting for cardiac surgeons, mock exam scenarios with case discussion to tide over exams easily and a special session – meet your MCh and DNB examiners.



“This Mid-Term IACTS Meet is aimed at cardiac surgeons in training and helps prepare them for their exams. They get a chance to interact with senior professors/examiners and to cover a host of relevant subjects.”

Dr. V. Sridhar  
Organizing Chairman

Dr. M. S. Ramprassath  
Organizing Secretary





## *Preparing the future ready : Scientific Advancement and Solutions*

### *IACTS TECHNOCOLLEGE CME - AHMEDABAD*

Ahmedabad, April 2023:

A national scientific program designed to educate upcoming surgeons of India with more than 10 lectures on innovation, workshops on innovative technologies, Make in India (MII)-innovations by Cardiac Surgeons in India, Robotic skills lab, AVNeo Ozaki procedure - Dry Lab Demo, MIS the Future and Workshops on vascular and coronary anastomosis.



April 28, 2023:

Rapid refresher course for cardiac surgery trainees at UNMICRC, Asarwa, Ahmedabad. Extensive sessions directed towards learning practical points for students and young surgeons. Total of 20 topics catered by experts from around the country.

April 29-30, 2023:

The Scientific program included a plenary on Govt. Policies, future directions in practice, a showcase of innovations by surgeons, a plenary on personal finance management, entrepreneurship and work life balance at the Hyatt , Ahmedabad.

“It is my firm belief that we need to be better equipped surgically, be aware of changing scenarios within our practice, and plan for the future - both as individuals and as a society. To this end, this year’s IACTS Technocollege CME has been designed to prepare a future-ready cardiac surgeon. We shall not only discuss scientific advances and our practice but also solutions to the various challenges we face. We have included a Back-to-School program in conjunction with the U. N. Mehta Institute of Cardiology & Research Centre as part of the pre-conference workshop.”

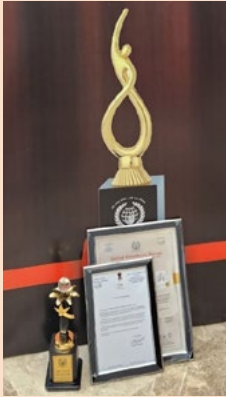
Dr. Bhupesh Shah  
Organizing Chairperson

Dr. Gaurav Goel  
Organizing Secretary



# Showcasing Excellence - 2023

## *Indian Icons Awards*



1st Oct, 2023: In the stride towards a better tomorrow, The Indian Association of Cardiac Thoracic Surgeons, IACTS has been recognized with the Indian Icon Award 2023 by Global Excellence Forum (GEF) at Leela Ambiance convention hotel, New Delhi.

The annual awards, organized by GEF brings to light the outstanding achievements of people. The Indian Icons Awards 2023 is a statement in recognition to the visionary endeavors of IACTS in playing a significant role in uplifting society.

*Congratulations to all the members for showcasing excellence!*

## *Indian Excellence Award - 2023*

New Delhi: The Indian Association of Cardio Thoracic Surgeons (IACTS) was awarded the Indian Excellence Award at Prime Time—Global Health Care Awards and Summit 2023, in recognition for the scientific work, master classes and research conducted by the association.

Indian Cricketer, Mr. Sunil Gavaskar gave away the award to IACTS Junior Vice President, Dr. Devgourou at New Delhi.

## *Asia's Best Researcher*



July 2023: Dr. Lokeshwara Rao Sajja, President of the Indian Association of Cardio Thoracic Surgeons, IACTS, received Dr. Yelavarthy Nayudamma Science and Technology Foundation Award-2022, establishing him as the first Cardiac Surgeon to be bestowed with this prestigious recognition.

He is also the recipient of Best Researcher Award in Cardiac Surgery at the Asia International Research Awards, AIRA 2023 in a remarkable stride towards making a significant impact in research and academics.

Hearty Congratulations!!!



# Invitations

## *Critical Care Echocardiography*

Dear Member,

Here is an opportunity to augment your bedside skills in cardiac critical care.

The Indian Association of Cardiovascular-Thoracic Surgeons (IACTS) is pleased to announce the 2nd Critical Care Echocardiography (CCE) training program starting 1st January 2024, in collaboration with the Indian College of Anaesthesiologists (ICA)

Open to all ages and experience levels, this program is a chance to acquire definitive technical skills to independently obtain optimal echocardiographic images and to recognise diagnostic features in the critically ill. The one-year course will comprise a total of 45 sessions of online tutorials covering the following subgroups:

- Ultrasonography (USG) for vascular assess
- Transthoracic echocardiography
- Transoesophageal echocardiography
- Lung ultrasound & airway USG

The certificate program is open to candidates with MBBS, while the fellowship program is for those with a postgraduate qualification in anaesthesia, general medicine, cardiology, cardiovascular thoracic surgery, pulmonology, or emergency medicine. Candidates undergoing direct 6-year courses for CTVS are also eligible for fellowship programs after the three years of training in CTVS.

Those interested may apply using the application form before 15th December 2023.

For any further information, please feel free to contact me at [secretary@iacts.org](mailto:secretary@iacts.org) or the Dean ICA at [deanicanational@gmail.com](mailto:deanicanational@gmail.com)

Please click on the link below to view the detailed curriculum.

<https://bit.ly/3hXg1c3>

Click the link below to fill the application.

<https://bit.ly/3G4bzjY>

We hope you utilise this opportunity to upskill yourself.





## ***Memorial Orations***

### ***CONVERGE...ENGAGE...EVOLVE @ IACTSCON 2024***

Theme: **Excellence and beyond- Envisage, Engage, Excel**

8th-11th February, 2024: The IACTS Memorial Orations at the 70th Annual Conference of the Indian Association of Cardiovascular-Thoracic Surgeons, IACTSCON 2024, will be held at May Fair Lagoon and Convention, Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

The Indian Association of Cardiovascular-Thoracic Surgeons, IACTS, sets this platform with Memorial Orations, instituted in memory of the pioneering efforts of individuals who helped establish this body. Developments in the field of cardiothoracic-vascular surgery through academic, scientific research and expertise shall be the focal point, where scientific minds shall converge to exchange surgical knowledge.

For more details click on the link below :

<https://cloudhq.net/s/dc981030fbcb7>



## ***Lifetime Achievement Award***

Dear Colleagues,

The process of selections to honour distinguished practices towards the discipline of cardiothoracic surgery is open, under the theme Excellence and beyond- Envisage, Engage, Excel, IACTSCON 2024. The Lifetime Achievement Award comes in accordance with the acknowledgement of commitment towards duty backed with experience.

On behalf of the Executive Committee of the IACTS, I invite nominations from members of the CTVS community for the Life Time Achievement Award that shall be given away at the inaugural ceremony of the 70th Annual Conference of the Indian Association of Cardiovascular-Thoracic Surgeons, IACTSCON 2024 at May Fair Lagoon & Convention, Bhubaneswar between the 8th and 11th of February 2024.

Criteria for selections:

Applications from sitting members of the Association to nominate a senior member are currently being accepted.

Please note that self-nominations shall not be considered for the Award.

The decision of the Executive Committee shall be final.

The nominating member must be a sitting Fellow/ Life Member/ Overseas Life Member of the Association.

The application must contain the following:

- Membership number of the nominee and the nominating member
- Cover letter with statement of intent indicating strength of the nomination (Word Limit: Not less than 400 words)
- Curriculum Vitae of the Nominee
- A passport-size photograph of the nominee
- A letter from another Fellow/ Life Member/ Overseas Life Member seconding the nomination.

Title on Application: 'IACTSCON 2024: LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Application to be addressed to the Secretary, IACTS at [secretary@iacts.org](mailto:secretary@iacts.org).

Last date for receipt of applications by email: **Friday, December 15, 2023 at 23:59** hours.

For further info, contact: [secretary@iacts.org](mailto:secretary@iacts.org)



## ***CMEs 2024***

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Dear Colleagues,

IACTS CMEs are opportunities for surgeons and residents to stay updated on current practices and developments in cardiovascular-thoracic surgery. Apart from the annual conference, every year, the Association conducts three regional CMEs supporting collaboration and disseminating knowledge in academics and research related to CTVS.

The enduring series, usually held every May (IACTS Technocollege CME), August (IACTS Cardiac CME & Mid-Term GBM), and November (IACTS Thoracic CME), facilitates enhancing clinical skills and hands-on learning through workshops, panel discussions, and lectures. It is also an opportunity for the organising team to showcase its leadership and organisational capabilities.

On behalf of the Executive Committee of IACTS, I invite applications for the year 2024 from heads of departments/ institutions to organise CME at your centre. Please send us a statement of intent, fill in the application form available here -

<https://bit.ly/3NxQUI4>

- and submit it on/before **December 15, 2023** The applications shall be reviewed by the Executive Committee and their decision is final.

Should you need any further information, please feel free to contact me.

Regards,  
Dr. C. S Hiremath MCh





## ***Elections 2024***

Dear Colleagues,

The 70th Annual Conference of the Indian Association of Cardiovascular-Thoracic Surgeons, IACTSCON 2024 is scheduled from February 8th to 11th 2024.

As conducted every year, the fellow and life members of the Association shall convene at IACTSCON 2024 to elect officers to the Association, who shall assume their responsibilities from 2024, as per Article 6 of the IACTS Constitution (For more details, please visit: <https://www.iacts.org/content/constitution-and-rules>).

On Friday, February 9th, 2024, members shall elect one Junior Vice President and two Executive Committee Members. The quorum shall also select the Host City for the 73rd Annual Conference IACTSCON 2027.

While efforts have been made to make the election process hassle free and user friendly for all voting members, the quality of electoral rolls is a prerequisite for free and fair elections.

If you know any life/fellow members interested in holding an office, please submit the nomination, along with a brief biodata of the nominee, seconded by another life/fellow IACTS member. Self or nominated applications (with a 250-word statement) are also invited to bid for hosting IACTSCON 2027.

All nominations are open until 23:59 hours on December 31, 2023.

Kindly click on below link to submit to get self nomination for the available positions and venue.

<https://www.iacts.org/node/add/iacts-elections-2024>



# CPR Awareness Campaign

## IN BRIEF

Sept 23-30: CPR awareness campaign, an IACTS outreach initiative, was conducted across the country that provided training to pre-med students, nurses, patient attendants, police personnels and security guards. Around 30 surgeons volunteered for the same. Marathons, cycling rallies and talks at clubs were conducted on the occasion.

The initiative, to make the masses CPR literate by identifying a cardiac arrest and saving a life, was facilitated by the outreach committee comprising of Dr. Manoj Durairaj, Dr. Gaurav Goel, Dr. Siva Muthukumar, Dr. Alok Mathur, Dr. Bhupesh Shah, Dr. B.R. Jagannath and Dr. Prasanna Simha.



# IACTS Fellowship Programs

## ***IN BRIEF***

With the objective of working towards a unified commitment to provide the best of healthcare services to society, fellowship programs were introduced.

### **Advanced Fellowship in Pediatric Cardiac Surgery at the Queensland Children's Hospital (QCH), Brisbane, Australia**

Under the mentorship of Dr. Prem Venugopal, the fellowship is open to all candidates who completed MCh or DNB in cardiothoracic surgery with a requirement of two years of experience in congenital cardiac surgery. The number of seats currently available are **one**.

### **Echo-Cardiology Certified Fellowship Program**

The critical care echocardiography fellowship offers a program to acquire definite technical skills to independently obtain optimal echocardiographic images and recognize diagnostic features in the critically ill. The one-year course comprises of a total of 45 sessions of online tutorials covering the following subgroups:

- Ultrasonography (USG) for vascular assess
- Transthoracic echocardiography
- Transoesophageal echocardiography
- Lung ultrasound & airway USG

### **Upcoming Fellowship Programs**

1. Minimal Access Cardiac Surgery
2. Heart & Lung Transplant
3. Robotic Cardiac Surgery





# Upcoming Events

## ***IACTS Thoracic CME, Hyderabad***

Theme : Hands-on Thoracic Training – Present to future

Dates : 7th - 9th December, 2023

Venue : GMC Alumni Association Building, GMC Hyderabad

Organising Secretary : Dr. Anita Bhalla Sahoo

<https://iactsthoraciccme2023.com/register/>

## ***IACTSCON 2024, Bhubaneswar***

Theme : Excellence and Beyond - Envisage, Engage, Excel

Dates : 8th - 11th February, 2024

Venue : MayFair Lagoon & Convention, Bhubanewar

Website : [www.iactscon2024.com](http://www.iactscon2024.com)

Organising Chairman : Dr. Bipin B. Mohanty

Organising Secretary : Dr. Chandrabhanu Parija

Organising Treasurer : Dr. Satyajit Sahoo



# New Members List

**For February 2023 – till date**

Life members along with upgrade, and Associate members under cardiac and non-cardiac category totals to 109 in the year 2023.

## Life Members

#	ID	Name	Gender	Designation	Membership Number	Membership Category	City
1.	3019	Aamir Mohammad	♂	Assistant Prof.	L20232085	Life Member	Kolkata
2.	2992	Abhishek Sharma	♂	Senior Resident	L20232052	Life Member	Kolkata
3.	2968	Alladi Srujan	♂	Assistant Prof.	L20232029	Life Member	Secunderabad
4.	3024	Anton Prem Thilak	♂	AC, CTVS	L20232092	Life Member	Chennai
5.	2989	Arjun A M	♂	Assistant Prof.	L20232049	Life Member	Mysuru
6.	2958	Arunansu Dhole	♂	Consultant	L20232021	Life Member	Howrah
7.	3034	B. Nembian Raja Rajan	♂	Assistant Prof.	L20232097	Life Member	Tiruvannamalai
8.	3017	Babu Ram Thakur	♂	Associate Prof.	L20232080	Life Member	Shimla
9.	2984	Deepak Gowda G	♂	Fellow	L20232040	Life Member	Bangalore
10.	2994	Deepak Sulya	♂	Assistant Prof.	L20232060	Life Member	Burhanpur
11.	3044	Dhiraj Barman	♂	Consultant Cardiac Surgeon	L20232104	Life Member	Kolkata
12.	2975	Dibya Prakash Sahu	♂	Associate Consultant	L20232038	Life Member	Bengaluru
13.	2977	Dilip Oswal	♂	Consultant Radiologist	L20232041	Life Member	Leeds
14.	2973	Dr. Arumugam C	♂	Senior Consultant	L20232037	Life Member	Chennai
15.	2965	Dr. Benedicta Coelho	♀	Assistant Prof.	L20232032	Life Member	Kurnool
16.	2979	Dr. Debabrata Gohain	♂	Senior Consultant	L20232043	Life Member	Guwahati
17.	3001	Dr. Kuber Sharma	♂	Assistant Prof.	L20232057	Life Member	Jabalpur
18.	2957	Dr. Nimish Rai	♂	Assistant Prof.	L20232020	Life Member	Jabalpur
19.	3037	Dr. Rashida Hyderabadwala Fatehi	♀	Junior Consultant	L20232099	Life Member	Mumbai
20.	2953	Dr. Ravindra Kuraku	♂	Assistant Prof., Cardiothoracic Sur.	L20232016	Life Member	Badvel
21.	2983	Dr. Roshni Agarwal	♀	Consultant	L20232047	Life Member	Hyderabad
22.	2723	Dr. Soumyaranjan Das	♂	MCh Resident	L20232083	Life Member	Delhi
23.	2981	Dr. Vigna Charan	♂	Consultant	L20232044	Life Member	Nellore
24.	2985	Dr. Abhishek Prabhu	♂	Assistant Prof.	L20232048	Life Member	Belagavi
25.	3035	Dr. Ashwin Venkatesh	♂	Associate Consultant	L20232098	Life Member	Chennai
26.	2986	Dr. Darshan D. S.	♂	Associate Prof.	L20232050	Life Member	Belagavi
27.	3022	Dr. Gautam Agarwal	♂	Senior Consultant	L20232089	Life Member	Noida
28.	3033	Dr. Rahul Rao K	♂	Associate Consultant Cardiac Sur.	L20232096	Life Member	Bengaluru
29.	2962	Dr. Rohik Micka R	♂	Senior Consultant	L20232025	Life Member	Kochi
30.	3003	Dr. Sanjeev Gupta	♂	Sanjeev Gupta	L20232067	Life Member	Bhopal
31.	2970	Dr. H. R. Shakir	♂	Assistant Prof.	L20232031	Life Member	Chennai
32.	2963	Dr. Karthik Vallala	♂	Consultant and Head	L20232024	Life Member	Warangal
33.	3029	Dr. Shefali Goyal	♀	Senior Resident	A20235063	Life Member	Jaipur
34.	3006	Girish G	♂	Senior Resident	L20232071	Life Member	Mysore
35.	3004	Ikshudhanva Tharranath	♂	Junior Consultant	L20232068	Life Member	Chikmagalur
36.	2971	Jaiswal Pratiksha Sharadchandra	♀	Associate Consultant CTVS	L20232035	Life Member	Nagpur
37.	3016	Kalluri V V Satya Durga Sriram	♂	Assistant Prof.	L20232079	Life Member	Rajahmundry
38.	2951	Komal T	♀	Fellow Paediatric Cardiothoracic Sur.	L20232012	Life Member	Chennai
39.	3040	Kunal	♂	Senior Consultant	L20232102	Life Member	New Delhi
40.	3041	M Srujana Reddy	♀	Senior Resident	L20232103	Life Member	Hyderabad
41.	2998	Mayank Yadav	♂	Assistant Prof.	L20232055	Life Member	New Delhi
42.	3021	Mohammad Zeeshan Hakim	♂	Assistant Prof.	L20232087	Life Member	Lucknow
43.	3020	Mohammed Gouse Karikazi	♂	Assistant Prof.	L20232086	Life Member	Sankeshwar Belgaum
44.	3008	Mohit Rana	♂	Senior Consultant	L20232074	Life Member	New Delhi
45.	3030	Munshil Abdul Muzil Abdul Aziz	♂	Student	A20235064	Life Member	Panvel
46.	2954	Nadeem Ul Nazeer	♂	Cardiac Surgeon	L20232017	Life Member	Srinagar
47.	2936	Nasir ud din Wani	♂	Consultant	L20222142	Life Member	Srinagar
48.	2769	Nayem Raja	♂	Consultant	L20232066	Life Member	Guwahati
49.	2995	Nikhil Subbarao	♂	Associate Consultant	L20232059	Life Member	Bengaluru
50.	2993	Nilaksha Bhattacharjee	♀	Post MCh SR	L20232053	Life Member	Kolkata
51.	3031	Pachpande Nikhil Vilas	♂	Associate Consultant	L20232095	Life Member	Nashik
52.	3018	Palakkumar Pankaj Shah	♂	Assistant Prof.	L20232084	Life Member	Navi Mumbai
53.	3009	Parth Bharat Solanki	♂	Associate Prof. CTVS, Senior Consultant MI Cardiac Surgery	L20232077	Life Member	Bharuch



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54.	2982	Ponduru Trilok	♂	Consultant	L20232046	Life Member	Nellore
55.	3012	Pooja B R	♀	MCh resident	L20232076	Life Member	Bengaluru
56.	2990	Pranay Suresh Mehsare	♂	Assistant Prof., AIIMS Raipur	L20232064	Life Member	Raipur
57.	3025	Prem Sundar Venugopal	♂	Director of Cardiac Surgery	L20232093	Life Member	Brisbane
58.	2961	Ragini B Pandey	♀	Chief Cardiac Surgeon & HOD	L20232026	Life Member	Naya Raipur
59.	3039	Raja Sumandatta Aduri	♂	Assistant Prof. CTVS	L20232101	Life Member	Chennai
60.	2991	Rakesh Kumar Kodakandla	♂	Junior Consultant	L20232051	Life Member	Hyderabad
61.	2942	Ramesh Babu Bommaji	♂	Senior Consultant	L20232005	Life Member	Hyderabad
62.	3000	Ridhika Munjal	♀	Associate Consultant	L20232064	Life Member	Faridabad
63.	2999	Rishabh Neeraj Kapoor	♂	Senior Resident	L20232065	Life Member	Navi Mumbai
64.	3011	Rohit Kumar	♂	Assistant Prof.	L20232075	Life Member	Meerut
65.	2980	Sai Sunil R	♂	Assistant Professor	L20232045	Life Member	Hyderabad
66.	2996	Sameer Mohammed	♂	Associate Consultant	L20232054	Life Member	Madanapalle
67.	2956	Sanjit Kumar Mondal	♂	Assistant Prof.	L20232019	Life Member	Kolkata
68.	3007	Sartaj Ahmad Guroo	♂	Assistant Prof.	L20232070	Life Member	Jammu
69.	2967	Shilpa Basu Roy	♀	Consultant Cardiac Surgeon	L20232028	Life Member	Kolkata
70.	3005	Soumyajit Ghosh	♂	Consultant Cardiac Surgeon	L20232072	Life Member	Kolkata
71.	2972	Sowmya Ramanan	♀	Additional Prof.	L20232036	Life Member	Thiruvananthapuram
72.	3038	Srujan Singanamala	♂	Senior Resident	L20232100	Life Member	Bengaluru
73.	2955	Sudip Chowdhury	♂	Consultant Cardioth. and Vasc. Sur.	L20232018	Life Member	Jabalpur
74.	2941	Sunay N M	♂	Associate Cardioth. Consultant	L20232004	Life Member	Bengaluru
75.	3045	Supreet Ballur	♂	Consultant	L20232105	Life Member	Ahmedabad
76.	2937	Syed Abdul Wahid	♂	Consultant	L20222143	Life Member	Srinagar
77.	2966	Syed Abir Hussain	♂	Consultant	L20232027	Life Member	Srinagar
78.	3002	Yatin Arora	♂	Senior Consultant	L20232058	Life Member	New Delhi

## Life Members (by upgrade)

#	ID	Name	Gender	Designation	Membership Number	Membership Category	City
1.	3023	Murali Mohan Soma	♂	Junior Consultant	L202332091	Life Member	Hyderabad
2.	2940	Yogesh Muralidhar Jawale	♂	Senior Resident	L20232003	Life Member	Chennai

## Associate Members (Cardiac)

#	ID	Name	Gender	Designation	Membership Number	Membership Category	City
1.	2960	Akshatha H	♀	CTVS Resident - First year	A20235023	Associate Member (Cardiac)	Bengaluru
2.	3014	Apurva Rameshchandra Shah	♂	CTVS Resident	A20235058	Associate Member (Cardiac)	Gandhinagar
3.	2978	Ashrith Pakalapati	♂	CTVS Resident	A20235039	Associate Member (Cardiac)	Bangalore
4.	2947	Debashis Kumar Sain	♂	PDT	A20235009	Associate Member (Cardiac)	Kolkata
5.	2959	Dr. Aalay Parikh	♂	CTVS Resident	A20235022	Associate Member (Cardiac)	Ahmedabad
6.	2948	Dr. Sourav Paik	♂	MCh Trainee	A20235010	Associate Member (Cardiac)	Habra
7.	2931	Dr. Karana Shekar	♂	CTVS Resident - First year	A20235023	Associate Member (Cardiac)	Bengaluru
8.	2964	Dr. Hemapriya Prithviraj	♀	MBBS DNB (CTVS)	A20235030	Associate Member (Cardiac)	Bengaluru
9.	3026	Dr. Maulik Sharma	♂	Senior Resident	A20235062	Associate Member (Cardiac)	Jaipur
10.	3043	Hari Govind Varma	♂	CTVS Resident	A20235067	Associate Member (Cardiac)	Kochi
11.	2645	Patel Kikesh Chandrakant	♂	Bonded Assistant Prof.	L20232081	Associate Member (Cardiac)	Mumbai
12.	3013	Yaqub Peerzada Mufti Faisal	♂	Senior Resident	A20235057	Associate Member (Cardiac)	New Delhi
13.	2943	R Vishnu Surender	♂	Registrar	A20235006	Associate Member (Cardiac)	Salem
14.	3027	Rajesh M	♂	MCh CTVS Resident	A20235060	Associate Member (Cardiac)	Bengaluru
15.	2938	Ramkumar R.	♂	Senior Resident	A20235002	Associate Member (Cardiac)	Alappuzha
16.	2946	Riddhika Majumder	♀	PDT	A20235013	Associate Member (Cardiac)	Kolkata
17.	2952	Ritik Hooda	♂	Mch PDT	A20235015	Associate Member (Cardiac)	Kolkata
18.	2950	Rituparna Dasgupta	♀	MCh PDT	A20235014	Associate Member (Cardiac)	Kolkata
19.	3010	Ronmita Pal	♀	Senior Resident	A20232073	Associate Member (Cardiac)	Kolkata
20.	2997	Samanvita Venkataramani	♀	Resident	A20235141	Associate Member (Cardiac)	Bengaluru
21.	2974	Sameer Babu Ummer	♂	Senior Resident	A20235042	Associate Member (Cardiac)	Trivandrum
22.	2945	Sanjana Kamath M	♀	Resident	A20235007	Associate Member (Cardiac)	Mohali
23.	3015	Shah Keshu Kiranbhai	♂	Resident - Cardioth. and Vasc. Sur.	A20235059	Associate Member (Cardiac)	Anand
24.	2939	Shamanth C Kashyap	♂	Senior Resident	A20235001	Associate Member (Cardiac)	Mysore
25.	2944	Shubra Sharma	♀	Senior Registrar, DNB CTVS	A20235033	Associate Member (Cardiac)	Chandigarh
26.	3028	Siddhant Rajendra Vairagar	♂	Senior Resident	A20235061	Associate Member (Cardiac)	Ahmednagar
27.	2949	Surajit Sarkar	♂	MCh Resident CTVS	A20235011	Associate Member (Cardiac)	Kolkata
28.	3042	Veena Vasudev	♀	Senior Resident	A20235066	Associate Member (Cardiac)	Mavelikara, Alappuzha Dist.





## Associate Members (Thoracic)

#	ID	Name	Gender	Designation	Membership Number	Membership Category	City
1.	3032	Deepanjana Rabin Manjumder	♀	Second year DNB Resident	A20235065	Associate member (non cardiac)	Pune



# Obituary



## Dr. Anuj Sangal

A young cardiac surgeon joined Max Super Specialty Hospital, Saket, Delhi in 2014 as a DNB resident for the CTVS 6yr DNB program. He proved to be a hardworking and enthusiastic student. He was good in the operation theatre as well as in the ICU, dedicated to patients and the field of Cardiac surgery.

He was good in academics, completed his DNB thesis on ECMO and cleared the DNB exams in one attempt. During this time, he actively participated in IACTS (Membership number L20205086) and SMICTSI conferences and presented papers on Suture-less aortic valve among other topics. He was always enthusiastic about writing research papers and while he was with us, wrote a chapter on Surgery for Atrial Fibrillation in a book of Cardiology update.

Dr. Anuj completed his DNB CTVS in 2020 and then went on to work at Dehradun (his hometown). He later joined Eternal Hospital, Jaipur under the mentorship of Dr. Ajeet Bana in December 2021. He continued to work hard there as a surgeon and an academician.

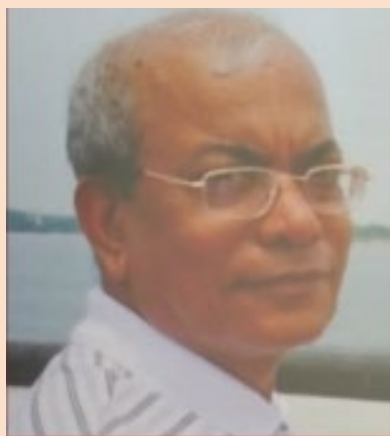
Anuj won hearts due to his friendly nature. He got married to Antra in 2021 (19th June) and has a baby son, Akshat Sangal who was born on 21st December, 2022.

Unfortunately, Anuj passed away on 10th July 2023, leaving behind a young wife and baby son.

*Courtesy: Dr. Rajneesh Malhotra, Vice Chairman and Head Cardio thoracic and Vascular surgery, Max Delhi and NCR Hospitals, Max Super Speciality Hospital, Saket, New Delhi*

***“Death leaves a heartache no one can heal  
(but) love leaves a memory no one can steal.” - Unknown***





### **Dr. Abani Kumar Biswas**

Dr Abani passed MBBS from NRS Medical college, MS and MCh from IPGMER, MNMS from National Board of exam, New Delhi, Fellowship from Philippines Heart Center of Asia, Manila. He was RMO cum Clinical tutor in CTVS, IPGMER from 1978 to 1984. After that he was transferred to National Medical College as lecturer. He was a life member of Cardiologist Society of India, a person of sweet personality, always smiling, soft spoken. While attending the national conference of IACTS in Ooty, he gave the idea of formation of the WB chapter.

His idea got materialized after IACTS Conference in Kolkatta under the leadership of Prof. D. Saha and Prof. Sachinandan Banerjee. He was attached to CMRI for a long period and worked with Prof. Saibal Gupta. He left us for his heavenly abode on 29th July, 2023.

*Courtesy: Dr Subhendu Mahapatra Professor in Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgery  
INSTITUTE OF POST GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH, Kolkata*



### **Dr. Susmit Bhattacharya (31st Oct, 1962 – 1st July, 2023)**

was an exemplary person both as a cardiac surgeon and as a human being. He spent his childhood in Orissa till he joined South Point School in 1972 in class VI. He completed (10+2) from West Bengal Board and stood 9th in WBJEE and joined his MBBS course in Calcutta Medical College in 1980.

During his tenure in Calcutta Medical College, his stint as a house surgeon in the Cardio Thoracic Surgery Department kindled his interest in cardiac surgery. Subsequently, he did his MS in General surgery from Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai and successfully qualified in DNB in General Surgery. His formal training in Cardio Thoracic Surgery was in LMTG hospital, Mumbai where he completed his MCh in Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery.

Thereafter, he worked as an Assistant Surgeon with Dr Sudhanshu Bhaacharya, where his grounding in cardiac surgery was strengthened. He came back to Kolkata in 1995 and joined Peerless Hospital (1995-99) as an Associate surgeon.

In subsequent years he had worked in Ruby General Hospital (1999-2003) and BM Birla Hospital (2003-2008). In 2008 he joined AMRI Hospital, Dhakurai as Chief Cardiac Surgeon and then continued in the same capacity in AMRI, Salt Lake from 2012 till his untimely demise from cancer on 1st July, 2023. During his illustrious career, Dr. Susmit Bhaacharya was extremely popular with the hospital staff and commanded great respect among friends, fraternity and patients alike, not only because of his extra ordinary and versatile skills as a cardiac surgeon but also because of his honest and endearing personality as a wonderful human being. We miss him as much in every step and our heart goes out to pray for eternal happiness for his departed noble soul.

*Courtesy: Dr.Subhendu Mahapatra, Professor in Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgery  
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### **Dr. Mohan Singh (1939-2023)**

Doctor Mohan Singh, former professor and HOD CVTS at SCTIMST, earned his MBBS in 1962, and thereafter moved to the UK where he completed his FRCS. He worked with British surgeon Hugh Bentall who pioneered in open heart surgery. In 1976, he joined SCTIMST, and in 1980 started the CABG program with help from Doctor Floyd Loop. He served as the HOD CVTS, SCTIMST from 1994 to 2001, and though 2001 marked his year of retirement, in 2002 he started the cardiac surgical program in Kannur Medical College and trained close to 100 residents.

In his earthly sojourn he was been close to Sivagiri Ashram of Sree Narayan Guru. He is survived by wife, Mrs Suhita Mohan Singh and daughter, Ms. Remya, who is an IAS officer.

Doctor Mohan has left behind an indelible mark of professionalism that shall remain etched in the memory of all who had come in contact with him.

*Courtesy: Dr. Praveen Verma HOD, CTVS , Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences, Kochi*



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