

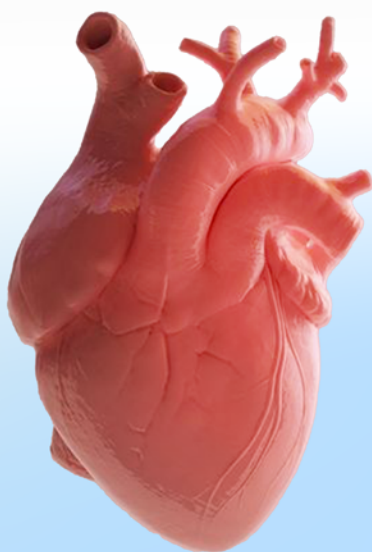


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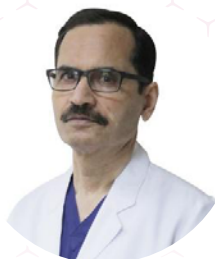
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Secretary's Message

The strong foundation of the association finds its roots deep in enthusiastic scholastic activities that owe its existence to the dedicated efforts of different Executive Committees who have taken the reins over the years. Together we have built a platform to equip a growing cardiac community with comprehensive initiatives to address the evolving expectations of cardiac patients; a platform to learn and share the best practices and collectively make decisions to ensure the progress of the fraternity.

It is a privilege to serve under the banner of IACTS as the Honorary Secretary, a pivotal responsibility that I have to the best of my ability implemented with effective approaches. Strategically moving with the present technosavvy times, all work has been digitalized to serve as records for posterity. This, in turn, converges all data and payments onto a centralized platform thus assisting with a transparent system in the workflow.

Coming to the academic objectives of the trust, the recently concluded SCORE 2024, Technocollege at Kottayam and Midterm CME at Jodhpur found remarkable responses that pronounced the quality of the outcome in the superlative. Fellowship programmes, a hands-on training and research opportunity to gain surgical exposure in the chosen field of specialization, had a resounding response this year with both the number of institutes and the number of candidates going up significantly. Database, Journals, and Skill Enhancement programmes are the other avenues in line with the scholastic approach of the association.

As 2024 further unfolds, I encourage all members to actively engage and participate in the upcoming conferences and activities of the association. "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." Hence, your involvement is vital in the progressive march toward success.



Dr. C. S. Hiremath

Secretary

Indian Association of Cardiovascular-Thoracic Surgeons



From the President's desk

Dearest Members,

Greetings! These are exciting and uplifting times we are in. I write this note in the wake of a hugely successful Mid Term CME held by Professor Alok Sharma, Dr. Ajit Bana and the team of surgeons at AIIMS, Jodhpur. The theme of the CME was 'Minimal Is the Future'. It was gratifying to see the innovative approaches adopted routinely by our younger generation of surgeons who showcased their excellent results via the Trans Axillary and Endoscopic approaches. It is something we all need to be proud of and their efforts need to be commended. The IACTS Executive planned a unique set of activities for our members offering Hands-on and focused group-based training sessions. These "Skill Enhancement Programmes" commenced with a hands-on TRANSCATHETER valve replacement Workshop at Epic Hospital, Ahmedabad under the leadership of Dr. Anil Jain and Dr. Abhishek Rajpopat (Structural Heart Cardiologist) on the 8th and 9th of September 2024.



The IACTS - EPIC workshop was an IACTS-certified workshop. Four transcatheter procedures were posted in EPIC Hospital and the delegates were given a run-through with catheter and wire handling know-how and step-by-step TAVI instructions. Following this Hands on TAVI was done by Delegates including myself. I was given the opportunity of doing the TAVI as first operator with hand holding by Dr. Abhishek Rajpopat and I must admit it was TRUE MENTORSHIP at its best. Dr. Anil Jain arranged Bovine Heart Models which were used for TAVI implant and training on TAVI Explant using Root Enlargement techniques. This again was a very well thought of concept by Dr. Jain keeping in mind that TAVI Explant is the fastest growing procedure in the US. The next Skill Enhancement Programme by the IACTS EC was conducted at INDIA VALVES in Chennai. The TACS (TRANSCATHETER Aortic valve replacement for Cardiac Surgeons) at India Valves Chennai was held on the 12th of September. This course was conducted by Dr. A B Gopalamurugan (Structural Heart Cardiologist), Dr. Prashant Vaidyanath (Structural Heart Interventionalist) and Dr. Kendra Grubb (Head of Structural Heart Interventions, Emory University). The latter are proudly Cardiac Surgeons of global repute. There was a separate hall dedicated for workshop on TAVR training wherein 50 surgeons registered. This workshop included interpreting CT images using 3Mensio, Decision Making, introduction to Wireskills, Hands-on use of simulators, workshop on percutaneous peripheral vascular closure devices and exposure to all the TAVI valves in India. I have to tell the members here that both the workshops were led by structural cardiologists and the attendees got a certificate from the IACTS for the same. The IACTS Vision is to provide our surgeons "Certification" for these workshops.

Going forward these credit hours, will be of help in day-to-day clinical practice of the art. I must reiterate, Heart Team approach in Structural Heart Interventions needs to be implemented in true letter and spirit.



Let's take the lead as surgeons to implement this in India. I strongly appreciate the efforts of Dr. A B Gopalamurugan and Dr. Abhishek Rajpopat, Structural Heart Cardiologists, who are taking the lead in training Cardiac Surgeons. We will definitely go ahead with more such TAVI workshops mentored by Structural Interventionalists and we assure you of a high-quality learning experience.

We are planning a Peripheral vascular intervention Hands-on workshop for our members in the last weekend of October in Patiala, Punjab and in the coming months Workshops in Robotic Cardiac Surgery and Heart/ Lung transplantation at New Delhi among other activities.

We are excited to collaborate with our senior members who are coming forward to mentor the fellow members in focussed skill sets. This has been seen by the bountiful number of IACTS Fellowship programmes which have been initiated in Coronary, MICS, Robotic, Heart and Lung Transplant and Thoracic Surgery. Training should be India centric for Indians by Indians. We have world-class mentors in house and we are definitely pushing for more training centres to be enlisted in the coming months. Going forward, we will be engaging with our young Residents via an official IACTS Residents Wing which will help our young budding surgeons to participate in the IACTS activities including Database and Research in a more active and structured manner. They will have more representation and a platform to share their ideas with the IACTS leadership and we will ensure that their voices are heard and acted upon. We will be pushing strongly for a post-MBBS Direct MCH programme and we are already working on a robust syllabus to make our MCH/ DNB courses more meaningful, inclusive, attractive and future-proof for the coming generations. This move of having a direct 6-year MCH programme and combined with a vibrant IACTS Syllabus for MCH/ DNB will in our opinion attract more students to take up our fascinating branch of medicine.

As I mentioned earlier, we are a vibrant organisation brimming with young surgeons eager to make their impact in society and we assure you we will have an ear to the ground and will continue to serve our esteemed members' needs. Last but not the least we have enlisted the services of our very own dedicated Social Media Agency from the 1st of September and this will ensure that the IACTS visibility transcends beyond our speciality groups.

We are there for you and with you. We will strive to the best of our ability in safeguarding and promoting our members interests.

Dr. Manoj Durairaj

President
Indian Association of Cardiovascular-Thoracic Surgeons

Visibility, Viability and Accountability!



Editor's musings

Dear Friends,

Constant evolution, emblematic of change, is the only fundamental reality of 'Nature', in fact, an inevitability for any progress. This obviously leads us to the 'Second Law of Thermodynamics' which enunciates that systems naturally move toward greater entropy (disorder). Seen in tandem, the two concepts reinforce that any change is in reality a state of increasing chaos, and this is a kind of paradigmatic statement of our current frame of mind at the editorial office.

We eat, drink and sleep, day in and day out, contemplating innovation and upgradation of our journal. Lately we have introduced 'Graphical' and 'Video' abstracts for 'Original articles'; come the 'New Year- 2025', we shall be a 'Monthly' publication and we are starting an eight part series covering a field which is nemesis for most of us - Statistics... and all these, and many more, coming at a frenetic pace.

Hope we can ride this welcome chaos that we have created for our own self. Confident we are, but the ride can be a bit more enjoyable and comforting, if each one of you join in. Our plead, let no article from any member of IACTS go outside and IJTC should be the preferred periodical for all your research. We on our part will ensure that your research is packaged well and is easily discoverable. What say you to this win-win partnership.

Happy Festive Season and Keep safe.



Dr. O. P. Yadava
Editor-in-chief

Indian Association of Cardiovascular-Thoracic Surgeons



Event Updates

IACS Mid-term Conference

MID-TERM CARDIAC CME & WORKSHOP

17th-18th August, 2024 :

The IACS Mid-Term Cardiac CME and Workshop was conducted at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Jodhpur, Rajasthan.

The two-day scientific programme under the theme 'Minimal is The Future!' provided a platform to unite leading authorities in minimally invasive cardiovascular and thoracic surgery, to share insights and advancements in MICS.

The conference, with renowned international and national faculty members, presented keynote lectures, panel discussions, and workshops.

“The conference delved into a broad spectrum of topics, encompassing the latest advancements in surgical techniques and technologies within the realm of Minimal Invasive Cardiac Surgery, along with practical guidance for safe MICS procedures.”

- Organising Committee





Fellowship Programmes 2024

A path toward specialization.

To enhance professional expertise, fellowship programmes offer opportunities to young surgeons to work closely with and learn skills and techniques from experts in cardiovascular-thoracic surgery.

This year found a spike in the number of institutions that came forward with the fellowship programmes. The courses offered are: Coronary Artery Surgery Fellowship, Congenital Heart Surgery Fellowship, Thoracic Oncology Fellowship, VATS Fellowship, Valve Repair Fellowship, Minimal Access Cardiac Surgery & Robotic Surgery Fellowship, Heart Failure Surgery Fellowship, Robotic Cardiac Surgery Fellowship, Aortic Fellowship Program and Heart and Lung Transplant Fellowship.

The number of candidates who applied for the fellowship programme also increased, and the association put forth a second call for application submissions indicating a sizable academic stride towards perfection at the profession.

Institutes offering Fellowship Programmes:

- Apollo Hospital, Chennai
- Care Hospital, Hyderabad
- Epic Hospital, Ahmedabad
- Narayana Hridayalaya, Bengaluru
- KG hospital, Coimbatore
- Medanta Medicity, Gurgaon
- Yashoda Hospital, Hyderabad
- Sri Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Group of Hospitals, Raipur
- KG Hospital, Coimbatore
- Yashoda Hospital, Hyderabad
- KDAH, Mumbai
- Fortis Escorts, New Delhi
- Sahyadri Hospital, Pune
- RGCIRC, New Delhi
- Yashoda Hospital, Secunderabad
- SJICSR (Jayadeva) Bengaluru
- Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, Delhi
- Apollo Multispeciality Hospital, Kolkata
- Caritas Heart Institute, Kottayam



Outreach Program

Social Media Inauguration

IACTS Social Media Inauguration by Honourable Minister Of Road Transport And Highways, Shri Nitin Jairam Gadkari

29th September, 2024

On the occasion of World Heart Day, the Honourable Minister of Road Transport and Highways, Shri Nitin Jairam Gadkari, inaugurated the Social Media Platform of the Indian Association of Cardiovascular Thoracic Surgeons (IACTS). The inauguration, held virtually on zoom, was attended by cardiac surgeons across the country.



The Social Media Platform marks a significant milestone in the journey towards expanding heart health awareness and aims to communicate medical expertise and medical perspectives from preventive steps to varied treatments available, to benefit patients through knowledge sharing. The platform shall also serve with better connectivity among the medical fraternity.

Delivering the inaugural remarks, the Honourable Minister of Road Transport and Highways, Shri Nitin Jairam Gadkari, stressed on the significance of teaching the masses on preventive measures. He proudly remarked that Indian doctors are reputed across the world, and encouraged the medical fraternity to have an Indian solution for every remedy, at reasonable costs.

Dr. Satyajit Bose, Junior Vice President, under whose leadership the IACTS social media platform

shall serve as a beacon and play a pivotal role in quality healthcare, opined that the theme “Strong Hearts, Calmer Minds” resonates deeply with the purpose of the initiative: to make profound decisions regarding heart health and educate the masses on how to prevent heart diseases.

Dr. Manoj Durairaj, the IACTS President envisioned that by launching the social media platform the achievements of the Indian cardiac surgeons will be showcased on the world stage. He further added that the platform will be utilized to educate doctors and the public at large, and will help in handholding patients in their journey towards health.

This launch marks a significant platform, as every heartbeat matters, and so the decisive march is towards a healthier, heart-conscious India.

“Through this platform, the goals of the association and the steps taken to work towards them shall be pronounced loud and clear. On this day which marks the beginning of better communication related to heart health, we intend to reach out to the general public and be decisive in ensuring better healthcare through awareness,” Dr. C. S. Hiremath, IACTS Secretary.



IACTS Database Report

**From the Chief of Operations - IACTS Database
Dr. B. R. Jagannath**

Bhadrapada month marks the beginning of the festival season in India, and the beginning is by worship of lord Ganesa on the fourth day. Lord Ganesa was the scribe used by Maharishi Veda Vyas, to write the Mahabharata. The scribe's condition was that nothing should be uttered without understanding, and there should be no pauses in the dictation. Sticking to these two ideals the IACTS Database has been striving to give you accurate information regarding the practice of cardiac surgery in Bharat.

What started as a pilot project in 2021, with 10 centres, of which only 5 were diligent in data entry, it has now grown to include 26 centres and has 32107 case records, of which 24846 are adults and 7261 are paediatric heart surgeries. The modules currently active are adult CABG, valves, and congenital surgeries. It is proposed to add thoracic, aortic, and transplant modules shortly.

The data captured includes demography and surgical details as well as immediate outcome details. The database committee gratefully acknowledges the untiring efforts of all the contributors but recognises the efforts of GKNM Hospital Coimbatore, Jayadeva Heart Institute Bangalore and Fortis Hospital Delhi, in particular, for their diligence in data entry.

We are revamping the database webpage where we will post the overview as well as the previous month's entries as a snapshot. The detailed reports can be accessed only after logging into the IACTS website.

We welcome the new IACTS fellows in various disciplines of cardiac surgery, and they are being actively involved in database management. They

will be able to generate their experience logbook from the database. The residents could generate their log book from the database provided they have diligently entered data, and all this is certified by the IACTS President and secretary and the Database chairman.

We welcome initiatives to collaborate and analyse data, as well as write papers or develop research projects, we would be in a position to provide anonymised centre non-specific data for analysis, now that we have a good number. In the case of advanced research projects requiring additional specific data, we would be able to identify patients, centres and request for additional data, however the data will be anonymised and centre-agnostic before being provided to the end user.

I encourage you all to please visit the database web page, and put in your comments and suggestions. I would be very happy to assist you in joining the database.

What are you waiting for; in collective responsibility and collective reasoning lies our progress as cardiac surgeons!



News in Brief

NAMP AMR - Call for Action

The Senior Vice President, Dr. Devagourou, attended the IMA initiative to address Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR). In collaboration with the National Alliance of Medical Professionals (NAMP) against Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) the meeting aimed at combining collective knowledge and resources of all professional bodies to develop a long-lasting framework for combating AMR. This call for action was to reinforce the responsible use of antimicrobials.

Social Media Agency

Under the leadership of Dr. Satyajit Bose, Junior Vice President, interviews of different media agencies at Bengaluru, was conducted. With an aim to improve social media presence, IACTS has finalized to outsource digital marketing services to Savita Digital Private Limited. Postings on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and Twitter will soon be available.

Endorsements

The following events were endorsed by IACTS in 2024 :

- The 3rd Annual Conference of the Society of Coronary Surgeons
- The 5th Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Heart and Lung Transplantation (INSHLT)
- The Jayadeva Mitral Summit
- The 1st International Conference on Pediatric Heart Valve Repairs
- The 4th Live in box BIMA Off-Pump CABG Conference
- Conference on AV Canal Defects at Sri Venkateswara Institute of Medical Sciences and Sri Padmavathi Children's Heart Centre
- CME – Aortic Root Surgery - Meeting the masters
- IACTA-TEE Conference
- India Valves

Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY)

Dr. Sukumar Mehta, Cardio-thoracic Surgeon, Sterling Hospital, Ahmedabad and Dr. B R Jagannath, Executive Committee member of IACTS attended the AB PM-JAY to share views on different aspects of design and implementation. AB PM-JAY, launched in September 2018, is a scheme aimed to offer secondary and tertiary care services to the vulnerable population in society.



Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation

8th to 9th September, 2024: In collaboration with IACTS, the Skill Enhancement Programme - Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation at EPIC Hospital, Ahmedabad, gave Hands-On training in Trans Catheter Valve Replacement for Cardiac Surgeons. Under the leadership of Dr. Anil Jain, this certified course by the IACTS-Epic Hospital provided advanced training and mentorship for cardiac surgeons in India.

The aim was to improve the vantage point of the cardiac surgical fraternity in their practice and give the best possible clinical outcomes to their patients by implementing best practices in patient selection for this modality of treatment.

TAVR Academy for Cardiac Surgeons

12th to 14th September, 2024: The India Valves Conference, initiated by IACTS in 2019, in association with cardiologists and surgeons to train surgeons, offered didactic lectures and hands-on training in the field of TAVR. Under the leadership of Dr. A. B. Gopalamurugan and team, this initiative to educate and update cardiac surgeons in the field of Transcatheter Valve Therapies was held at ITC Grand Chola, Chennai.

IACTS Website

The IACTS website is all set for new additions: separate webpages will be available for Journals, Database, Residents updates, Physician Assistants, and Nurses updates.

Residents Forum

The Residents Forum aims to facilitate discussions to create a supportive resident community to encourage medical students to pursue cardiac surgery. This forum shall reach out to the residents and encourage them to join IACTS as Associate Member so that they can be aware of the upcoming academic sessions, conferences, fellowships, job opportunities, journal access and outreach programs. The Resident representatives shall contribute with IACTS database collection and entry.

The forum aims to engage residents on various fronts like academics and training.



Free International Journal Subscription

IACTS has taken the lead in supporting its members with free journal subscriptions. Member subscribers have had access to these journals at discounted rates since 2019, when the Indian Association of Cardiovascular-Thoracic Surgeons initiated an academic scheme called the 'International Journals Subscription Scheme' for its members in collaboration with Elsevier publishers.

As we near 2025, the association has taken a major stride to improve member benefits—from now on, the subscription fee will be borne by the association to encourage more members to join and avail benefits. The subscription includes immediate access to online-first (ahead of print) articles, access to repositories of all journals and their previous volumes, international journals of repute at your fingertips, staying ahead with the best research, and being a part of the association's academic endeavours.

The journals covered in this subscription scheme are:

1. Annals of Thoracic Surgery
2. Journal of Heart and Lung Transplantation
3. Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery
4. Operative Techniques in Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery: A Comprehensive Atlas
5. Seminars in Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery
6. Seminars in Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery: Paediatric Cardiac Surgery Annual
7. Thoracic Surgery Clinics

Membership details are to be updated by filling data in the google form:

<https://forms.gle/yG1Lit8ktPDd1Aqj8>

On verification of IACTS membership from the secretary's office, members will be provided a password for international journal access via email.



Obituary



Dr. Panangipalli Venugopal

8th October 2024

Born in Rajahmundry, Andhra Pradesh, Dr. Venugopal graduated from AIIMS as the best outgoing student. He then got the MS (surg.) degree from PGI Chandigarh. He continued his education as he joined M.Ch Course in Cardiothoracic surgery under Prof. Gopinath. In 1968 he completed his M. Ch and was appointed lecturer in the same department. In 1972 he went to train with Prof Subramaniam in Buffalo, NY, and then with Dr. Denton Cooley in Texas. He returned to AIIMS in 1974 and began to develop the surgical techniques along with Dr. Prusty who trained with Dr. Donald Ross and Dr. IM Rao who returned after training with Sir Brian Barratt Boyes in New Zealand. The open-heart surgery program began to produce good results with most surgeries including pulmonary and oesophageal procedures. When Prof Gopinath retired in 1982, he took over as the Head of Dept and progressed to Chief of Centre after Dr. Rajan Tandon retired. The M. Ch Program was now a 3-year course and many were trained in the department. The facility moved to a new and modern building in 1984. With his encouragement and support a state-of-the-art human heart valve and tissue bank was established at the centre in 1993, permitting complex procedures such as Ross procedures, homograft AVR/MVR, and RVOT reconstruction. He performed the first successful human heart transplant in 1994. He received the Padma Bhushan Award in 1995.

He helped the Sri Sathya Sai institute of Medical Sciences to establish a heart surgery program in Puttaparthi, (AP). Most of the AIIMS CTVS faculty contributed to developing and training staff from this institution. He took over as Director in 2003, and finally retired from AIIMS in 2007.

He has trained a large number of students who are heading departments in many institutions in the country. He is survived by his wife, Priya Sarkar, and a daughter. We offer our sincere condolences to the bereaved family and pray, May his soul Rest in Peace.

Courtesy - Dr. Sampath Kumar, Ex HOD, AIIMS, New Delhi





Dr. Anil Bharali

11th September, 2024

He was an exemplary cardiac surgeon.

Batch 1986 - 88 in PGI; He was the HOD, CTVS Dept. GNRC HEART INSTITUTE GUWAHATI (1998-2002), Assistant Professor CTVS Dept. Gauhati Medical College(1991-1998), Diplomate in Cardiac Surgery Madras Medical Mission, Chennai India(1997-1998), Registrar CTVS Dept. Gauhati Medical College Assam(1988-1991), Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh(M.Ch.-1996-1998), Assam Medical College, Dibrugarh (MBBS-1997, M.S-Gen. Surg.-1996), Attending Cardiac Surgeon, Escort Heart Institute & Research Center, New Delhi (2002 - 2004), Specialist, Cardiothoracic Surgeon, King Fahd Central Hospital - Jazan (2004 - 2006).

Besides being a CTVS he was a skilled writer, critic, thinker, and a humane compassionate doctor.

With deep condolences to the bereaved family, we pray for the eternal happiness of his departed noble soul.



28th August, 2024

Dr. C. P. Srivastava, Director & HOD of Cardiac Surgery at Narayana Multispecialty Hospital, Jaipur. He had served earlier as the Secretary and President of IACTS.

In his 37+ years of career, he had performed high-risk, and re-do cardiac surgeries ranging from 90-year-patients to 2-day-old newborns. Known for his attention to accurate diagnosis, Dr. Srivastava's patient recoveries are testimony to his expertise. Respected wholeheartedly for treating patients empathetically, Dr. Srivastava's demise is a great loss to his family, patients, and colleagues.

May his family and friends have the strength to bear the loss.
May his soul Rest in Peace.





17th July, 2024

Dr. Marthanda Varma Sankaran Valiathan, a distinguished cardiac surgeon of the country, has left behind a legacy of excellence in the field of medicine.

The founder-director of Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology (SCTIMST), Dr. M.S. Valiathan passed away at the age of 90. Fondly remembered as a great inspiration to the cardiac fraternity, he was a professor under whose guidance and mentorship many a fine cardiac surgeon had passed.

Born in Mavelikkara, Alappuzha, Dr Valiathan's earned his medical degree from the University of Kerala in 1956, and was trained in training at Johns Hopkins University and the University of Liverpool. He was the former President of the Indian National Science Academy and the National Research Professor.

Professor Valiathan received numerous accolades: the Padma Vibhushan (2005), the Padma Shri (2002), the Dr. B. C. Roy National Award, the Hunterian Professorship of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, the Chevalier of the Order of Palmes Académiques from the French Government, the Dr. Samuel P. Asper Award for International Medical Education from Johns Hopkins University, and the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Indian Medical Association.

His innovative work in developing medical devices, such as the disposable blood bag and the tilting disc heart valve, laid the foundation for India's medical devices industry. The great academician had gifted the nation with the Chitra Heart Valve Prosthesis, which saved many lives due to its efficient and cost-effective treatment to patients suffering from heart valve damage due to rheumatic heart disease. This genius innovation is truly a testament of his love to the nation and its people.

May his soul Rest in Peace.





25th June, 2024

Dr. A. Sharda, the only lady cardiac surgeon from Odisha, had served in the capacity of HOD and Senior Consultant at KIMS. She was an eminent cardiac surgeon who worked in Max Hospital, Delhi for a long time before relocating to Odisha, her hometown.

She departed from the earthly sojourn leaving behind her only daughter who has completed her PhD from London. We deeply mourn her irreparable loss and pray that her family and friends get the strength to bear the loss.

May her soul Rest in Peace.

IACTS stands in solidarity as a mark of protest against the brutal crime at R.G. Kar Medical College, Kolkata



New Members

Since the Annual GBM in October 2024, the Association has enrolled one Overseas Life Member, 17 Associate members, and 49 Life Members.

Life Members

Sl. No.	Name	Membership Category	Membership Number	City
1	Srinivas Aaluri	Life Member	L20232137	Andhra Pradesh
2	Prakash Kumar Sanki	Life Member	L20232138	Kolkata
3	Sivanagarjuna Chenikala	Life Member	L20232139	Andhra Pradesh
4	Lakshman Reddy Ponnappati	Life Member	L20232140	Andhra Pradesh
5	Soumyadipta Mishra	Life Member	L20232141	ODISHA
6	Dr. Varun Shetty	Life Member	L20232143	Bangalore
7	Shishir Shetty	Life Member	L20232144	Mumbai
8	Hemachandr.a Tokala	Life Member	L20232145	Andhra Pradesh
9	Dr. Thota Chiranjeevi	Life Member	L20232146	Andhra Pradesh
10	Satyajit Uday Aher	Life Member	L20232147	Maharashtra
11	Dr. S Uma Maheswara Rao	Life member	L20232149	Telangana
12	Nikhil Dixit	Life member	L20232150	Karnataka
13	Joseph Thomas Kathayanatt	Life member	L20232151	Kerala
14	Vishal Srivastava	Life member	L20232152	Uttar pradesh
15	Dr. Hidayat Ullah	Life member	L20232153	Delhi
16	Sibashankar Kar	Life member	L20232154	Odisha
17	Sudheer Volluri	Life member	L20232155	Hyderabad
18	Arya Kamal Das	Life member	L20232156	Kolkata
19	Sami Anwar Khan	Life member	L20232157	Indore
20	Dr. Lokesh Sreedharan	Life member	L20232158	Mumbai
21	Khushwant Popli	Life member	L20232159	New Delhi
22	Ankush Singh Kotwal	Life Member	L20232160	Ambala
23	Udgeath Dhir	Life Member	L20232161	Gurugram
24	Venkatesa Kumar Anakaputhur Rajan	Life Member	L20232162	Chennai
25	Dr. Sunil Dhar	Life Member	L20232163	Gurgaon
26	Akshaya Pratap Singh	Life Member	L20232164	Nagpur
27	Sumeet Anand	Life Member	L20232165	Gurgaon
28	Hariprasad Gnanavelu	Life Member	L20232166	Chennai
29	Rohan Kiritkumar Makwana	Life Member	L20232167	Bangalore
30	Madhur Sahay	Life Member	L20232168	Jharkhand
31	Dr. Chandan Kumar	Life Member	L20232170	Kolkata
32	Rachit Saxena	Life Member	L20232171	New Delhi
33	G L Sudheer Kumar	Life Member	L20232172	Kurnool
34	Swarnika Srivastava	Life Member	L20232173	Noida
35	Abid Aziz Kangoo	Life Member	L20232174	Srinagar
36	Rama Alagappan S	Life Member	L20232175	Coimbatore
37	Tejal Joshi	Life Member	L20232176	Chennai
38	Vamshidhar Tirunagari	Life Member	L20232177	Hyderabad
39	Ruchit Amrutlal Patel	Life Member	L20232178	ahmedabad
40	Ravi Kumar Katti	Life Member	L20232179	Andhra Pradesh
41	Tej Kumar Varma K	Life Member	L20232180	Haryana



Life Members (by upgrade)

Sl. No.	Name	Membership Category	Membership Number	City
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Upcoming Events

Thoracic CME 2024

The Thoracic CME 2024, an initiative to focus on various aspects of Thoracic surgery, will be held at Hotel Raddison Blu, Jammu on the 30th November and 1st December 2024.

Themed 'Enhancing Skills, Embracing Evidence in Thoracic Surgery', the CME aims to share insights, advancements, and collaborative efforts in the sub-specialty through leading Thoracic surgery masters, and through hands-on workshops that shall cater to skill enhancement. This platform for dialogue with leading experts shall ensure scope for future research and innovative ideas.

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/rTpaMXT3ohYsqfq4A>

IACTSCON 2025 @ New Delhi

20th Feb to 23rd Feb, 2025

The 71st Annual Conference of the Indian Association of Cardiovascular-Thoracic Surgeons, IACTSCON 2025, is designed for academic progress and scientific collaboration in cardiovascular-thoracic surgery, and anticipates having all IACTS members for an engaging convergence of scientific knowledge at New Delhi early next year. The annual meet shall equip surgeons with new skills and techniques through learning, and relearning.

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Peripheral Vascular Intervention workshop @ Patiala

26th October and 27th October 2024

Skill Enhancement Program

Dr. Anumeet Bagga, cardiac surgeon at Government Medical College, Patiala will conduct peripheral vascular intervention workshop as Course Director and Organising Secretary. This 2-day workshop on endovascular procedures for cardiac surgeons includes hands-on training and talks from invited faculty. The workshop, endorsed by IACTS, aims to enhance the wire skills of the participants.



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