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FROM THE DESK OF YOUR SECRETARY



Dear members

Greetings from all of us at the executive committee!

It has been busy on the anvils of the IACTS! The interest of the members has been overwhelming! Academics has been on the forefront and forty fellowships have been floated after due processing and in accordance with the IACTS SOP. The exit examinations for those completing this year are also in motion.

This year's onsite iPREP was a great success. With more than a hundred participants and more than two dozen examiners from across the country Durgapur shone with knowledge explosion like a supernova as the team at Mission hospital under the able leadership of our dear president Dr Bose held the teaching and hospitality scene to high standards.

The Indian Institute of Management Kolkata of which Dr Satyajit Bose is an alumnus held a leadership and management course exclusively for our members. Fifteen of our members participated in the first ever such course the second module of which is soon to come.

We have good news on the Database front too with Dr O P Yadava taking over as the new Database Chairman and Data Protection Officer. A Data protection committee has been constituted to look into and ensure legal and ethical requirements. The MOUs have been redone to ensure compliance with the Digital Personal Data Protection Act 2023. We are recruiting more participants and I would earnestly request all of you to kindly join in and strengthen our efforts. We are sure the dividends would be rich and support and enhance our practice and publications. Our new Database manager would guide you with the process as and when you need.

The void in engaging mid-level surgeons academically and catering to their needs was felt and this led to the launch of the IACTS Grand Rounds! We plan to go international and cater to these needs globally. We also would have an open platform where international speakers would feel comfortable to participate. We feel this would enhance our global presence and showcase our genuine commitment to global academics.

The mid term GBM is round the corner as we plan to meet on the 28th and 29th of August at the Christian Medical College, Vellore.

Till then Ciao from all of us.
Long live IACTS
Jai Hind

Warmly yours,

Dr Jacob Jamesraj MB MS MCh FIACS FRCS Edin

Secretary, Indian Association of Cardiovascular-Thoracic Surgeons



Greetings from Mumbai!

The central office has had an unusually busy Q1 for FY26-27 and as per my promise I thought it's prudent to keep you abreast of our financial health.

The audited financial statements for FY 2024–25 have been completed successfully and queries answered. Statutory filings, including Form 10, Form 10B and the Income Tax Return, were filed within the prescribed timelines, ensuring continued compliance with regulatory requirements. We are in the process of compiling data for FY 25-26 and are in course for perfect compliance. The Income Tax Department initiated a faceless assessment for AY 2025–26. Timely online responses to notices are required through the e-Proceedings portal.

FY 2024–2025 was an exceptionally strong financial year for IACTS. The outstanding performance of IACTSCON 2025 significantly strengthened the Association's financial position and reserves and we now have a surplus of approx. ₹3 crores of which ₹50.00 lakh was invested in a Fixed Deposit (FD) in the name of IACTS. After completing the tax liabilities, we shall invest the same too.

The status of audit of various events of FY 25-26 is as under: -

SHOUT OUT

The present EC has been extremely proactive in cutting down expenditure and setting an example is our own secy Dr Jacob Jamesraj.

The first stage audited accounts of the secretary contingency fund for FY 2025-26 is as under

Amount sanctioned	24,00,000
Amount released	18,00,000
Expenses claimed	16,93,567
Money saved	1,06,433
Total savings	7,06,433

I would like to thank our secretary for this excellent example of prioritising cost efficiency and delivering effectively the objectives of our association.

Particulars	TECHNO College	CTCME & MID TERM GBM	Thoracic CME	IACTSCON
Date & Venue	10–11 May 2025... Lucknow, UP	9–10 August 2025... Kovalam, Kerala	14–16 November 2025... Kolkata	26 Feb – 1 March 2026 ...Mumbai
Organizing Secretary	Dr. Dharmendra Kumar Srivastava	Dr. Vivek V Pillai	Dr. Manujesh Bandyopadhyay	Dr. Bijoy Kutty
Status	Audit at Last Stage	Audit Completed	Audit in Progress	Data Awaited
Surplus/(Deficit)	(6,00,000)	(31,971)	-	+ 2.0 CR

MUMBAI IACTCON 2026



IACTS CONF IS DYING –ATTENDANCE IS LOW

01

1500 PLUS REGN OF CARDIO THORACIC SURGEONS AND RESIDENT TRAINEES MAKING IT THE LARGEST INTERNATIONAL CTVS CONFERENCE IN THE WORLD HELD IN ASIA.TOTAL ATTENDANCE WAS 2300PLUS

INDUSTRY IS NO MORE PATRONISING - COLLECTING FUNDS IS A CHALLENGE

02

INDUSTRY PATRONISED WITH 60000 SQ FT EXHIBITION AREA – RECORD RS 13 CRORES COLLECTED

CME PROG ON DAY 1 IS NOT INTERESTING HENCE LOW ATTENDANCE

03

1000 ODD ATTENDED DAY 1 CME ON THURSDAY WITH ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF AATS, EACTS, STS AND EAB SOCIETY

FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY IS LACKING

04

ENTIRE ACCOUNTS OF THE CONFERENCE WILL BE POSTED ONLINE TO ALL MEMBERS BEFORE GBM AT KOLKATA IACTCON 2027



CT CME 2026

Mid term GBM

It is an honour and privilege to welcome you all to this edition of the IACTS MID-TERM CME to be held on 28th and 29th August 2026 at the Christian Medical College premises at Vellore. This CME is designed keeping in focus young Heart Surgeons and postgraduates who are in their formative years of decision making in Cardiac surgery. Our shared commitment to foster best clinical practice by inculcating and sharing ideas relating to evidence based research, past and present innovations and the future of Cardiac surgery will justify the theme Repair, Restore, Rebuild. During these two days delegates will be engaged in scientific sessions, panel discussions, poster presentations and a master class in case presentation, all conducted by renowned faculty from India and abroad.

The Christian medical college Vellore is one of the embryonal centres of Open heart surgery in our country credited with several firsts in open and closed heart procedures. It is located 130 kilometres south of Chennai. It is well connected by rail(Katpadi) and the nearest airport being Chennai. The city of Vellore has historical importance as being the centre of the Vellore mutiny in 1806 predating the sepoy mutiny of 1857. It is also endowed with a rich heritage of intermingling of Vijayanagara, Chola, Maratha and Pandya cultures from the times of yore. It is located 100 kms from the temple town of Tirupati. Delegates will have the opportunity to visit historical landmarks like the Vellore fort, St John's Church, Ancient fort temple, Archeological museum, Golden temple and others.

The organising Committee is making all efforts to make this meeting an academically enriching programme with unmatched hospitality. We are confident that this CME will be a truly enriching and memorable event for all attending. We look forward to welcoming you all in Vellore in the end of August.

<https://www.iactsctcme2026.com/>

Dr Korah T Kuruvilla
Organising Secretary



IACTS CT CME & MID-TERM GBM- 2026

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iPREP Durgapur

(The second onsite iPREP June 13 – 14 2026)

A hundred post grads descended onto the plains of Durgapur! The weather was pleasant. The scene was hot! The IACTS Executive committee had arranged a two day exam preparation bonanza for all trainees from all corners of the country under the leadership and hospitality of the President Dr Satyajit Bose.

The Durgapur team had sweated over three months to prepare the program, the study material and cases for presentation. The Treasurer Dr Bijoykutty had organised a travel grant to facilitate ease of travel pocketwise for the students. In keeping with the academic commitments of the organisation everything had been looked into. The second onsite iPREP Durgapur was in every way a grand success!

All possible cases that could feature in the clinical exam was presented and discussed threadbare. Dr Srikant went to great lengths with his team to make it happen. Dr Satyajit Bose looked into all the needs of the students with a hospitality that was overwhelmingly warm and effervescent. The academic feast involved the exam experiences of many seasoned examiners. Dr Bijoy, Dr Sivamuthukumar, Dr Debasis, Dr Prasanna, Dr Rajasekhar Palletti, Dr Plaban Mukherjee were actively transmitting knowledge. Dr Vinayak Shukla and Dr Praveen Varma were charming as usual. Dr Srikrishna and Dr Amitava Chakraborty enhanced interest in thoracic surgery. Dr Baiju, Dr Jayant and Dr Rakesh were interacting with the students encouraging them. Dr Pradeep Narayan simplified statistics for easy understanding.

Dr Bose and Dr Debasis spear headed IACTS green initiative planting tree saplings just as they planted knowledge and watered it in the run up to IACTSCON 2027 at Kolkata in Feb 2027. Dr Bijoy took stock of lacunae by interviewing students and their special needs so future efforts would be directed at sorting out these effectively. Dr Vinitha consolidated all knowledge with a quiz that fired the cerebrums of all participants into a study frenzy!

The winners were Dr. Pradeep Zechariah and Dr Aakash Nikhil Srivastav! In second place were Dr. Bhavna Girdhani and Dr. Abisho R.S, in third place Dr. Amlan Rath and Dr. Shalbhi kumar and in fourth place we had Dr. Kaushik Prasad and Dr. Kunal Patel. Prize money of 1.15 lakh rupees was given by the association.

The students took active participation to a great new level that warmed the souls of the teachers as they yearned to give more in the coming years. Everyone left with happy hearts and satisfied appetites both gastronomically and of the mind. Durgapur and the Mission hospital team would be in everyone's minds for a long time to come.



Dr. Pradeep Zechariah,
Dr Aakash Nikhil Srivastav



Dr. Bhavna Girdhani
Dr. Abisho R.S.



Dr. Amlan Rath
Dr. Shalbhi kumar



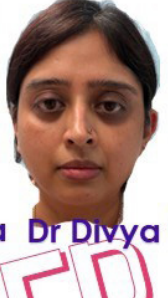
Dr. Kaushik Prasad
Dr. Kunal Patel





iPREP on line

iacts Postgraduate Rendezvous
for Exam Preparation



Dr Prasanna Simha Dr Divya M

iPREP
by
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May30 @ 5pm

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for Exam Preparation

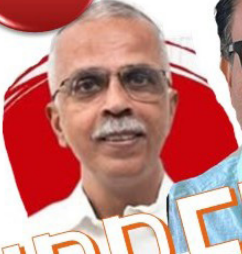


Dr Rajesh S
HOD, Kozhikode
Medical College

iPREP
IACTS
Jun 27 @ 5pm

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for Exam Preparation

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iPREP
IACTS
July 26 @ 5pm

The monthly on line iPREP has been running smoothly on our Zoom platform with a good attendance on the fourth weekends!

We encourage all to motivate their students to participate. All mentors interested in teaching may kindly contact me. Dr Jacob Jamesraj, Secretary, IACTS.

IACTS – IIM Kolkata

Leadership and Entrepreneurship Development Programme



A brainchild of Dr. Satyajit Bose, himself an Alumnus of the Indian Institute of Management Kolkata, the course was organized by the IACTS as an exclusive for our members! Some insights...

Dr Manoj Durairaj

- A leadership course with a difference!

The IACTS Leadership and Entrepreneurship Development Programme provided an insightful overview of the rapidly evolving healthcare landscape and the competencies required for contemporary medical leadership. Sessions highlighted emerging trends such as informed patients, artificial intelligence, workforce shortages, virtual care, and increasing financial pressures on healthcare systems. Participants were introduced to the Pareto principle and structured problem-solving tools including Fishbone analysis, Issue Trees, the Five Whys, and Impact Matrices to identify and address high-impact operational challenges. The programme also emphasized the behavioural and ethical dimensions of medical practice, discussing organisational justice, active listening, and the fiduciary responsibilities of physicians. Duties of loyalty, confidentiality, disclosure, avoidance of conflicts of interest, and good faith were contrasted with contractual obligations, underscoring the unique trust placed in doctors by

patients. Discussions further explored healthcare management from operational, marketing, organisational behaviour, and strategic perspectives, equipping participants with practical frameworks for effective leadership in cardiac surgical practice. Special thanks to Dr. Bose, President of IACTS, for conceptualising, curating, and personally facilitating this enriching programme, which offered participants valuable insights into leadership, management, and entrepreneurship in healthcare.

Dr Vinitha Nair -

Beyond the Operating Room: An Inspiring Journey into Leadership and Management

Clinical excellence has always been the hallmark of cardiothoracic surgeons. However, today's healthcare environment demands much more than surgical expertise. Leadership, strategic thinking, team management, and an understanding of healthcare systems have become equally important. Recognizing this need, the Indian Association of Cardiovascular-Thoracic Surgeons (IACTS),



in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Calcutta, has launched the Entrepreneurship and Leadership Programme for its members.

The first module of this two-part programme, held from **25th to 27th June** at the Management Development Centre, IIM Calcutta, brought together **15 cardiothoracic surgeons from across the country**. Coming from diverse institutions and backgrounds, the participants shared a common goal—to become better leaders in healthcare.

The curriculum was thoughtfully designed to expose surgeons to concepts that are rarely part of conventional medical training. Sessions on **Hospital Operations, Public Policy, Ethics in Healthcare, Managing Self, Leading and Managing Teams, Strategic Thinking for Doctors, Legal Framework and Business Structure, and Analytics and Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare** provided fresh perspectives on the multifaceted responsibilities of modern clinicians.

The sessions, delivered by distinguished IIM Calcutta faculty, were highly interactive and thought-provoking. Through discussions, case studies, and group exercises, participants were introduced to concepts that are rarely encountered during conventional medical training. The programme challenged us to think beyond the operating room and appreciate the broader responsibilities of healthcare leadership.

Equally rewarding was the opportunity to interact with colleagues from different parts of the country, sharing experiences, perspectives, and solutions to common challenges. The programme reinforced the belief that leadership is a skill that can be learned and refined, enabling us to build stronger teams and more effective healthcare organizations.

As we look forward to the second module of the programme, we are grateful to IACTS and IIM Calcutta for this enriching experience. We wholeheartedly encourage more members of our fraternity to participate in future editions. The knowledge gained extends far beyond the classroom—it has the potential to transform the way

we lead our teams, manage our institutions, and shape the future of cardiovascular and thoracic surgery in India.

Dr Pranav Mali

Indeed a great opportunity to learn the aspects of management considering doctors as a resource and the non medical factors affecting decision making in hospitals. I sincerely thank Dr Satyajit Bose for proposing such an extraordinary and innovative program for cardiac surgeons and conducting it in style! Thank you Dr Jacob Jamesraj for all the support needed from back end! Thanks to all the faculties for thought provoking lectures and discussion and the best part was they never interrupted any discussion and concluded them in some take home message! I also appreciate all the colleagues, especially senior ones, for being down to earth while getting the knowledge and generous enough to give their insights and share their experiences with us! Needless to say that MDC and IIM were amazing! Beautiful campus, nice accommodation and delicious food really made positive vibes in the learning process!

Dr Jayesh Dhareshwar

I was a bit anxious (intimidated ?) before the course. But the IIM faculty were superb and so humble ! It was a really enjoyable course. All arrangements were impeccable and seamless. Kudos to IIMC / IACTS / Dr Bose / Dr James / Bijoy.

Dr Ravi Teja

It is an excellent opportunity for beginners like me in topics like .How to approach towards problems so called bottle neck .How to find solutions to them .How to work towards a problem solving thinking .Ethics and legal aspects .Behavioural science strategy All these topics are well curated. After attending this programme i feel there is longway to go, but atleast i knowing this because of this initiation by IACTS. I thank IIM & IACTS for this initiation and hope to continue. I thank Dr Bose.

Dr Bipeen Chandra

This was excellent program, we all learned lot of aspects of Entrepreneurship . Looking forward for three next 3 day session. A big Thank you to Dr Bose and all the minds behind organising the program.



AORTIC REPAIR AND ROSS SUMMIT 2026

The Department of Cardiac Surgery, Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences & Research, organized the Aortic Repair and Ross Summit 2026 at The Green Park Hotel, Bengaluru, on 5th and 6th June 2026. The summit was endorsed by the Indian Association of Cardiovascular-Thoracic Surgeons (IACTS). The primary objective of the summit was to promote the philosophy of “replace less and restore more” in aortic valve surgery. As Asia’s largest heart hospital, Sri Jayadeva Institute consistently strives to provide world-class cardiac care and surgical services at affordable costs for patients in need.

The summit served as a premier platform for academic and clinical exchange in the field of cardiac surgery. Conducted over two days, it brought together distinguished national and international faculty members to share their expertise and experience. Prof. Gebrine El Khoury and Dr. Bashi V. Velayudhan, stalwarts in their respective fields, along with leading national faculty, delivered insightful lectures on various surgical techniques, approaches, and personal experiences. Their contributions enriched the knowledge of more than 300 delegates who attended the conference both in person and virtually. A total of seven live-in-a-box cases were presented and discussed, including two Ross procedures, two aortic valve repairs, and three David procedures. These sessions, along with several informative lectures and interactive discussions, highlighted contemporary strategies in aortic surgery and emphasized the summit’s key message: “The future of aortic surgery is living tissue.” The meeting was highly appreciated by cardiac surgeons, cardiologists, and trainees alike, further reinforcing Sri Jayadeva Institute’s commitment to academic excellence, innovation, and leadership in cardiovascular care, research, and education.



The 4th Eastern India Aortic Conclave 2026

The 4th Eastern India Aortic Conclave 2026, was held from 22nd to 24th May 2026 at Kolkata. D Atanu Saha was the organising secretary and Dr Pradeep Narayan, the program director. The conclave brought together leading national and international experts in aortic surgery and served as an important platform for scientific exchange, technical learning, mentorship and recognition of young talent. One of the biggest highlights of the conclave was the hands-on aortic surgery workshop, which was a tremendous success. The feedback received after the conclave was extremely encouraging.

IACTS Fellowships

A burst of interest in training from many senior members saw the number of IACTS Fellowships go up to almost 40! A total of 52 seats were offered and more than 40 applications were processed. The Fellowships have truly become a great success.

CODE	FELLOWSHIP	INSTITUTION	MENTOR
C-B-001	Fellowship in Basic Coronary Surgery	The Mission Hospital, Durgapur	Dr Satyajit Bose
C-B-002	Fellowship in Basic Coronary Surgery	Epic Hospital, Ahmedabad	Dr. Anil Jain
C-B-003	Fellowship in Basic Coronary Surgery	Care Hospital, Hyderabad	Dr. Prateek Bhatnagar
C-B-004	Fellowship in Basic Coronary Surgery	The Madras Medical Mission, Chennai	Dr Jacob Jamesraj
C-B-005	Fellowship in Basic Coronary Surgery	K S Hegde medical academy, Mangalore	Dr Jayakrishnan
C-B-006	Fellowship in Basic Coronary Surgery	Bharathi Vydiapeeth Deemed University, Pune	Dr Swapneel Karne
C-B-007	Fellowship in Basic Coronary Surgery	Apollo, Chennai	Dr L Felix Sridhar
C-B-008	Fellowship in Basic Coronary Surgery	Sahaydri Hospitals, Pune	Dr Manoj Durairaj
C-B-009	Fellowship in Basic Coronary Surgery	NRS Medical College, Kolkata	Dr Binay Sarkar
C-B-010	Fellowship in Basic Coronary Surgery	Ram Mangal heart foundation, Pune	Dr Ranjit Jagtap
C-B-011	Fellowship in Basic Coronary Surgery	Medicover hospital, Vizag	Dr Karunakar Padhy
C-B-012	Fellowship in Basic Coronary Surgery	MCIMS, Ahmedabad	Dr Dhiren Shah
C-B-013	Fellowship in Basic Coronary Surgery	D Y Patil university, Mumbai	Dr James Thomas
C-B-014	Fellowship in Basic Coronary Surgery	Naruvi, Vellore	Dr Vinayak Shukla
C-B-015	Fellowship in Basic Coronary Surgery	Jayadeva, Bengaluru	Dr Shilpa Suresh
C-B-016	Fellowship in Basic Coronary Surgery	B M Birla, Kolkata	Dr Manoj Daga
A-B-001	Fellowship in Basic Aortic Surgery	Medanta Heart Insititute, Gurugram	Dr.Anil Bhan
A-B-002	Fellowship in Basic Aortic Surgery	NH, Bengaluru	Dr. Varun Shetty
A-B-003	Fellowship in Basic Aortic Surgery	SIMS, Chennai	Dr V V Bashi
P-B-001	Fellowship in Congenital Heart Surgery	KDAH, Mumbai	Dr Suresh Rao
P-B-002	Fellowship in Congenital Heart Surgery	Fortis Escorts, New Delhi	Dr. Krishna S Iyer
P-B-003	Fellowship in Congenital Heart Surgery	NH, Bengaluru	Dr Shekar Rao
P-B-004	Fellowship in Congenital Heart Surgery	Sri Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Group of Hospitals, Raipur	Dr Ragini Pandey
P-B-005	Fellowship in Congenital Heart Surgery	Sir Gangaram Hospital, New Delhi	Dr Raja Joshi
P-B-006	Fellowship in Congenital Heart Surgery	Rainbow Children's Hospital, Hyderabad	Dr Ganapathy Subramaniam
M-A-001	Fellowship in MICS	NH, Bengaluru	Dr.Raghu M G
M-A-002	Fellowship in MICS	Caritas Heart Institute, Kottayam	Dr. Rajesh M Ramankutty
R-A-001	Fellowship in MICS and Robotic Cardiac Surgery	Apollo Hospitals, Chennai	Dr Mohammed Yousuf
R-A-002	Fellowship in MICS and Robotic Cardiac Surgery	Apollo Hospitals, Chennai	Dr Mohammed Rehan Sayeed
R-A-003	Fellowship in MICS and Robotic Cardiac surgery	K G Hospital, Coimbatore	Dr U Arun
R-A-004	Fellowship in MICS and Robotic Cardiac Surgery	Medanta the Medicity, Gurugram	Dr. Nitin Kumar Rajput
R-A-005	Fellowship in MICS and Robotic Cardiac Surgery	Yashoda, Secunderabad	Dr Vishal Khante
E-A-001	Fellowship in MICS and Endoscopic Cardiac Surgery	Ramakrishna hospital, Coimbatore	Dr Ramprassath
E-A-002	Fellowship in MICS and Endoscopic Cardiac Surgery	Manipal Hospital, Kolkata	DrSandip Sardar
VR-A-001	Fellowship in Valve Repair	Safdarjung, New Delhi	Dr Anubhav Gupta
T-A-001	Fellowship in Heart and Lung Transplant	NH, Bengaluru	Dr.Julius Punnen
V-A-001	Fellowship in VATS	Yashoda Hospital, Secunderabad	Dr Balasubramoniam K R
L-A-002	Fellowship in Lung Transplant	Yashoda Hospital, Secunderabad	Dr Balasubramoniam K R



IACTS Database

A word from our Database Chairman

Dear Friends,

Greetings from the National Database Committee.

We have often lamented and bemoaned the lack of Clinical Practice Guidelines customised to our population. The reason is intuitive – we lack high-quality indigenous data to base our decisions upon. As a consequence, despite virtually an epidemic of phenotypically distinct CAD and high prevalence of RHD, high surgical volumes and results at par with the very best, Indian cardiac surgeons are yet to be acknowledged and acclaimed at a level, they rightfully belong, at the global stage.

Authentic and reproducible data, stored and preserved in a 'National Database', is the compelling need of the country. Moreover, given our diverse population and its socio-economic-cultural and developmental needs we need regional centres to collect and share their data, so that even regional imperatives can be identified and addressed.

In recognition of this major lacuna in our speciality, IACTS has put in place a formal team at Mumbai Office dedicated to this endeavour, 24X7. However, this 'National' project can only come to fruition through the indulgent support of all the stakeholders. Please join the bandwagon and submit your data to the 'National database':

- i. It is free.
- ii. It is simple, not more than 10 mins for each entry, and we would train and hand-hold you.
- iii. No need for extra infrastructure/finances/manpower - Your residents, Trainees, PAs, Perfusionist can enter the data.
- iv. It is safe – privacy and confidentiality are "Assured".
- v. It is "Beneficial" to you and your institution – For >1000 entries we shall present analysed data for you to use for monitoring, quality improvement, planning and resource allocation, and publication.

For any support please contact Mr Sunil Pillai, Database Manager at databasemanager@iacts.org and I am reachable at 9810084205.

Dr. OP Yadava
Chairman, National Database, IACTS

Cardiac Morphology 2026

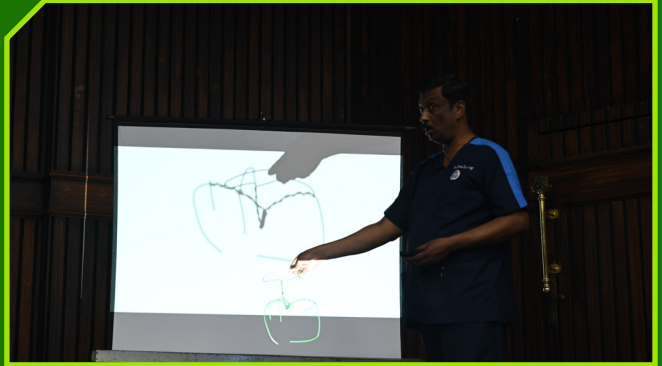
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Planting knowledge is akin to planting saplings! The growth, productivity and benefits are multifactorial and similar. The IACS is committed to planting both as is evident by the spate of academic programs in the recent times – the iPREP, the webinars and grand rounds and the saplings in Kolkata and Chennai. We plan many more in the days to come.



The Chennai Story



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IACTS GRAND ROUNDS

We have been moving very successfully on the academic front as a collect! The interest shown by members has been heartwarming and encouraging!

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IACTS GRAND ROUNDS

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Indian Association of Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgeons

IACTS GRAND ROUNDS

— ONLINE WEBINAR —

Topic

The Art of Mini AVR: Tailoring the Approach

<i>Moderator</i>	<i>Speakers</i>
 Dr. Yugal Kishore Mishra Delhi	 Dr. Marco Di Eusanio Ancona, Italy
	 Dr. Daniel Pereda Barcelona
	 Dr. M.S. Ramprassath Coimbatore

INTRODUCTION
Dr. Yugal Kishore Mishra

Trans Axillary AVR - Dr. Marco Di Eusanio
Robotic AVR - Dr. Daniel Pereda
Endoscopic AVR - Dr. M.S. Ramprassath

Join us for an engaging academic session featuring expert-led discussions, challenging case presentations, and evidence-based insights from leading cardiothoracic surgeons.

DATE
11 JULY 2026

TIME
05:30 pm IST

Zoom Meeting Link
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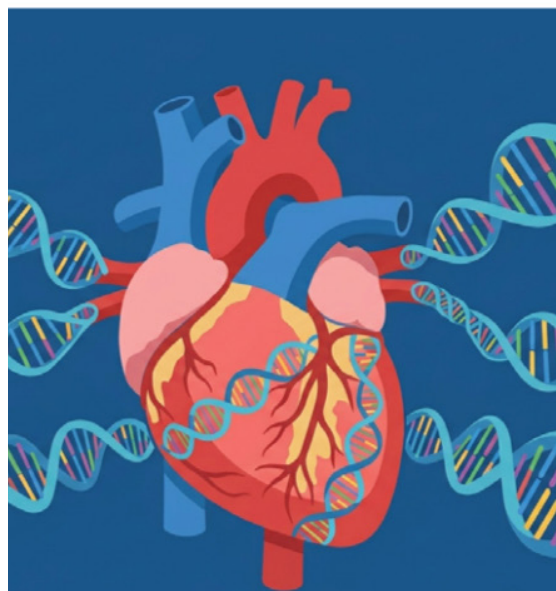
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IACTS WEBINAR

A very unique webinar took place on the 20th of June 2026! Genetic drivers in cardiac surgical decision making was discussed. Dr Kshitija Patil, a clinical geneticist lectured and discussed with many eager participants from around the country. Dr Manoj Durairaj organized the webinar.



Indian Association of
Cardiovascular-Thoracic Surgeons



GENETIC DRIVERS IN CARDIAC SURGICAL DECISION MAKING

Date: 20th June 2026

Time: 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM (IST)

Passcode: 887668

[Click here to join the meet](#)

SPEAKER



Dr. Kshitija Patil

Medical Geneticist at
Greenarray Genomic
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New Delhi)MRCPCH & DCH
(UK) | Fellowship Clinical
Genetics (KEM, Mumbai)

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ALIGNING WITH GLOBAL STANDARDS:

WHY AN IACTS WOMEN CONNECT COMMITTEE IS THE NEED OF THE HOUR

As the Indian Association of Cardiovascular-Thoracic Surgeons (IACTS) continues to champion the highest standards of surgical excellence and academic leadership, our organization requires inclusive growth—ensuring every trained surgeon is empowered to reach their full potential. To achieve this, the formal establishment of the IACTS Women Connect Committee is a vital and timely step forward.

Global data reveals a persistent underrepresentation of women in cardiothoracic surgery, sitting at 8% worldwide and dipping to just 4% in South Asia. While India's total volume of surgeons has scaled exponentially over the decades, the proportion of female surgeons has remained historically stagnant. However, a major demographic shift is underway. An incoming wave of female talent is entering the field, with 42.9% currently at the resident and trainee stage. Crucially, 63.1% of these women are under 40 years old—a critical juncture where rigorous career timelines directly collide with major biological milestones.

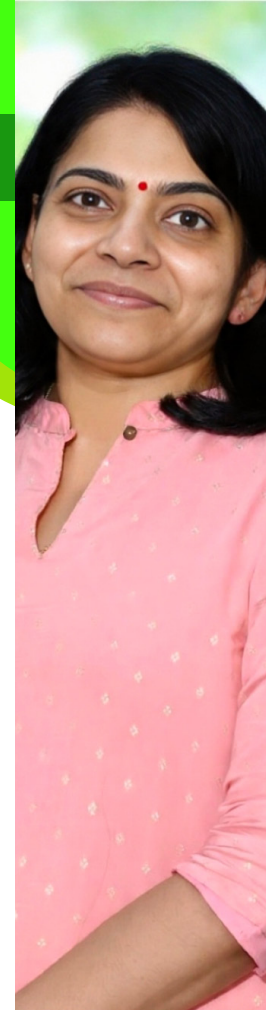
Despite overwhelming personal passion driving their entry into the specialty, female surgeons face distinct systemic hurdles. Historical friction is real: 85.4% of women were actively advised against choosing CTVS due to their gender, and 51.6% report encountering gender-related challenges during training and practice. As careers progress, an institutional leadership bottleneck emerges, leaving 62.5% of women without academic or institutional leadership positions. This is compounded by a critical deficit of visible role models, with 58.6% of women surgeons indicating an overwhelming demand for accessible female leadership to guide the next generation.

In the contemporary global surgical ecosystem, providing structured institutional support for female surgeons is a decade-old, proven benchmark for academic excellence. *Women in Cardio-Thoracic Surgery (WiCTS) Committee (EACTS)*, *Women in Thoracic Surgery (WTS)-STS*, *Women in General Thoracic Surgery Committee (WGTS- ESTS)*, *Women in Thoracic Oncology Taskforce (IASLC)* are successfully integrated similar frameworks in their core architecture to support their members by focusing on mentorship and building diverse culture. Closer to home, peer surgical specialties in India have initiatives as *Women in GI Surgery and Liver Transplant (WIGIL- IASG)*, *Women in Neurosurgery (NSI) And Women of Urology (USI)*.

Under the direct oversight of the IACTS Executive Committee, a women connect initiative can focus on four pillars:

- **Mentorship Network:** Establishing a centralized network to break geographic isolation and connect junior trainees with established leaders.
- **Academic Development:** Encouraging research collaborations, publications, and clinical excellence.
- **Conference Representation:** Cultivating a steady pipeline of female speakers and panelists for national and international visibility.
- **Professional Support:** Addressing unique lifestyle challenges, career breaks, and work-life integration.

This initiative create a rising tide that lifts all boats. By offering targeted professional support, work-life integration strategies, and a centralized mentorship network, we break the geographic isolation currently felt by many young female trainees spread across the country.



Dr Vinitha Nair



Dr Mohammed Idhrees was awarded PhD by the University of Amsterdam We extend our heartiest congratulations to our esteemed member, Dr. A. Mohammed Idhrees, who successfully defended his doctoral thesis "Delineating the Unique Aortic Landscape in India: Dimensional Variability and Inflammatory Aortic Pathology,"

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Obituaries



Rear Admiral Dr Jeevan Mablur Borcar

Surgeon Rear Admiral Jeevan Mablur Borcar, VSM passed away on 29 May 2026 at Pune at the age of 80 after ailing for several months with age-related health problems. He lost his beloved wife Sulu several years ago & was living by himself in Mumbai. He is survived by his two sons, Nikhil & Amit, both of whom are in US. He graduated from Grant Medical College in 1968 and joined the Indian Navy. After the usual stint as Ship's MO, he was selected for training in surgery & got his MS from Pune University in 1974. After serving the Navy on board INS Vikrant and INHS Asvini as a Surgeon, he opted for Cardiothoracic Surgery and was posted to Military Hospital (CTC), (now rechristened Army Institute of Cardio Thoracic Sciences, AICTS) in 1979. He got his MCh from the same Institution and went abroad for further training at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney. On his return, he was back in CTC. He was a dynamic member of the team and was instrumental in bringing Coronary Surgery to the Armed Forces Medical Services. He was one of the key Organisers of the 1990 Annual Conference at Armed Forces Medical College & CTC. He took an active part in operating, teaching, training, research, publications & future planning of the Department as well as running a successful M Ch Programme.. He headed the Dept from 1995 onwards. He was very popular among colleagues, staff and patients. He had a phenomenal memory & could remember patients by name during their follow up, surprising patients & colleagues alike. He was very sociable and was a part of many a noisy gettogether we used to have in the after duty hours. (The Borcar's were from Goa. His father was also a doctor & was in the Army Medical Corps. He taught Medical Jurisprudence at AFMC for some time.) We'll all miss the lively company of our dear friend Jeevan. May his soul rest in peace.

Dr. John K. Vettath

Dr. John K. Vettath, who performed Kerala's first heart surgery in the 1960s, passed away at the age of 97 on 9th April 2024. He is survived by his wife Dr. Naomi J. Vettath, daughters Dr Mary Varghese & Ann Kurien and son Mathew Vettath.



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A PRAYER

Lord Thou knowest that I am getting older,
Keep me from becoming talkative and possessive,
Free me from the idea that I must
express myself on every subject,
Release me from the craving
to straighten out everyone's affairs,
Keep me from the recital of endless detail,
give me wings to get to the point.
Seal my lips when I am inclined to tell
of my aches and pains. They are increasing
with the years, and my love to speak of
them grows sweeter as the days go by.
Restrain me from telling what I have done for
others, instead let me count my blessings in silence.
Teach me the glorious lesson, that
occasionally I may be wrong.
Make me thoughtful, but not nosey,
helpful but not bossy.
With my vast store of wisdom and experience,
it seems a pity not to use it,
But Thos knowest O Lord,
that I want a few friends at the end.

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