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## FROM THE DESK OF YOUR SECRETARY

Dear Esteemed Members of the Association,

Greetings from all of us at the Executive Committee!!

We wish every member and their families peace, good health and happiness in the year just born. We wish you success in all your endeavors and for all of us at the IACTS.

The 72nd Annual Conference IACTSCON 2026 is just around the corner and raring to go. We hope all of you would participate and wish you a grand time together.

The Annual General Body Meeting would be on 27th February at 5:00 PM. I hope all of you have updated your profiles on the IACTS website as requested in the previous newsletter.

Kindly download your ID cards. These are downloadable as PDF files and are password protected. The password is the eight digit membership number without the prefix. Kindly download, open and take a screenshot and keep it handy when coming to attend the Annual General Body Meeting. This identity card is necessary for entry to the General Body Meeting.

I have given the details of the candidates contesting for the Junior Vice President post and two Executive Member posts and also the contesting teams for the IACTSCON 2029 Venue.



Again, all of us at the IACTS Executive Committee join together with all our families in wishing you all a wonderful 2026.

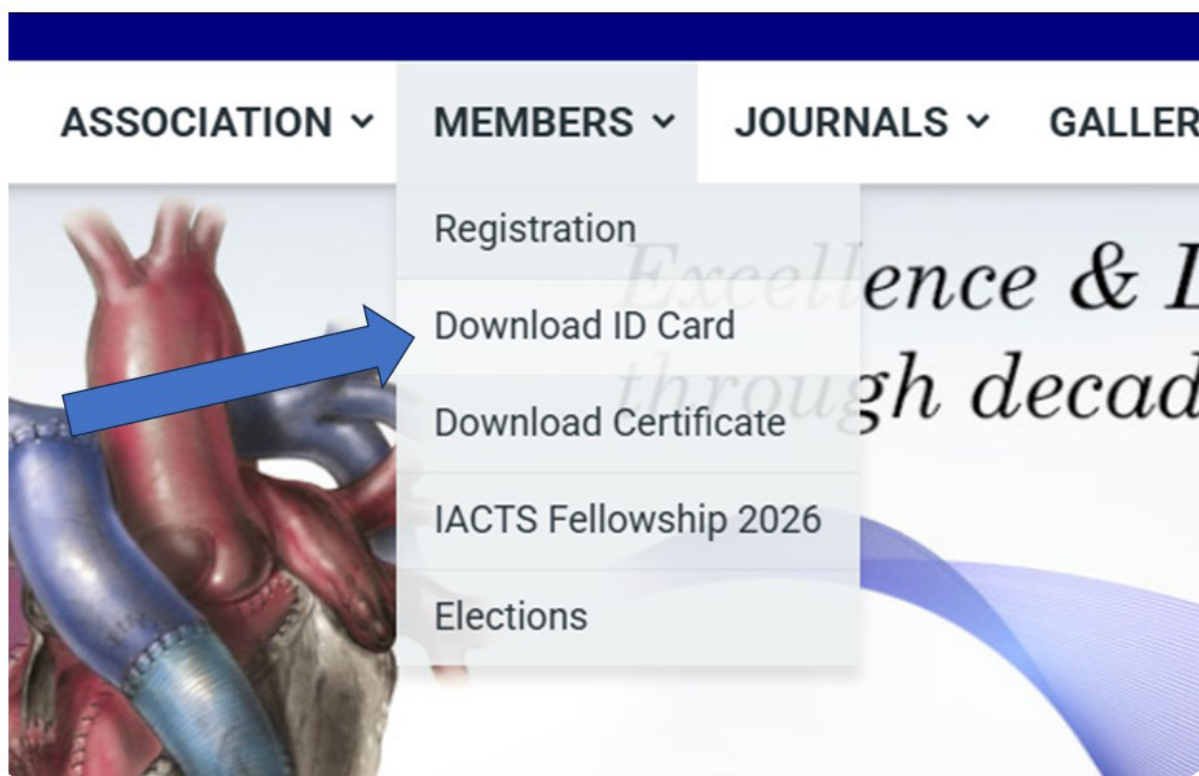
We look forward to seeing you in Mumbai at the IACTSCON.

Long live IACTS!

Warmly yours,  
**Dr Jacob Jamesraj**

Secretary, Indian Association of Cardiovascular-Thoracic Surgeons

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# Candidates contesting for the post of Junior Vice President are

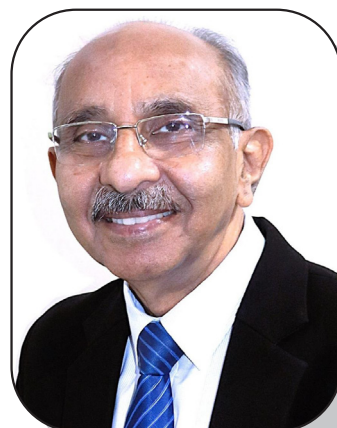


At this defining moment for IACTS, the choices we make will shape our unity, training, and future relevance. Having weathered several storms and risen against the odds, mentoring many young surgeons along the way, resilience, deliverables and inclusiveness define my leadership. I am committed to moving into action mode on critical issues: structured curriculum, fair handling of cardiac–thoracic–vascular splits, interventional training and permissions, access to new technology, outreach beyond major centers, and proper heart-team roles across centers. With your support, I seek to serve as Junior Vice President to steer these debates towards equitable, evidence-based solutions

Dr Abha Chandra  
IMSR Integral University, Lucknow

Dear IACTS colleagues, Over the last three years as EC member, I have championed initiatives for academic excellence, transparency, and member welfare—strengthening IACTS as a unified, supportive community. My commitment is rooted in active leadership, innovation in education, and improving workplace well-being. As President, I pledge to further enhance collaboration, mentorship, and holistic growth for our association, ensuring every member's personal and professional well-being remains our top priority.

Dr Prasanna Simha M  
Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research, Bangalore



Dear Friends,

I wish to offer my services for the post of 'Junior Vice President'.

Despite consummate ease with words, having been Editor of IJTC; unfortunately, I'm at a loss to compose a reach-out communication to as discerning an electorate as you. Neither have I any loud promises to make, nor do I have any false illusions of my capabilities, beyond those of an ordinary mortal. All I assure you is my very best and unstinted commitment to any, and every, initiative that you want me to lead.

Hope I excite you enough as your prospective 'President'.

Warmly,  
OP Yadava

Dr O P Yadava  
National Heart Institute , New Delhi

Dear colleagues , Respected seniors , fellow colleagues and my dear junior colleagues , if you find me capable of bringing any change in our iacts vision , please give me an opportunity by putting me as ur JVP so I can work toward our goal. Thanks Dr. Hamdulay

Dr Zainulabedin Hamdulay  
GHC Hospital and Masina Heart Institute, Mumbai



## Candidates contesting for the posts of Executive Member (two posts) are



I would like to work towards the increase in public insurance packages for cardiothoracic surgeries including MICS , Transplants and other Complex Paediatric procedures to the present time sustainable cost, which will sustain the cardiothoracic surgery program in most of the hospitals across the country I would like to work on encouraging residency program to include students exchange training program with the renowned international cardiothoracic centers to boost exchange of knowledge, technology , resource and talent. I would like to work on establishing CTSNET type of website called IACTSNET to help and encourage database of cardiothoracic surgeons, spreading knowledge, job opportunities and overall development of IACTS to the next level.

Dr Ashwini Kumar Pasarad  
SJICR, Bangalore

Respected seniors, juniors and my dear friends this year need your blessings and support for the post of executive member. Presently am the secretary of VACTS (Vishakha association of cardiothoracic surgeons) . I have successfully conducted 1st APCTCON in 2017 which was a great success. I have also conducted our national conference CTCON-2018 in Vishakhapatnam which was a grand success. During my M.Ch days i was MARD president and fought for the pathetic conditions of residents in Mumbai. My aim is to work for the betterment of organization ,fight for rights of all doctor community and for glory and pride of Cardiac Surgery.



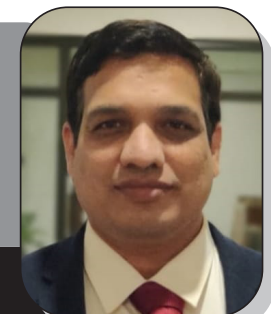
Dr Jaideep Kumar Trivedi  
Apollo Hospitals, Vishakapatnam



I am pleased to offer myself as a candidate for Executive Member of the Indian Association of Cardiothoracic Surgery. The Association has been central to advancing cardiothoracic care, education, research, and collaboration in India, and it would be an honour to contribute to this mission. As a practicing cardiothoracic surgeon committed to ethical, patient centred, evidence based care, I believe we must continue to support high quality training, indigenous research, clinical safety, collaboration, and mentorship. If elected, I will work with dedication, transparency, and inclusiveness to strengthen opportunities for all members. I sincerely request your support and valuable vote.

Dr Rakesh Naik L  
SJICRS Bangalore

Dear Esteemed Members, It is with humility & enthusiasm that I seek your support for the position of Executive Member of IACTS. With over fifteen years of experience in cardiac surgery, academics, and leadership, I currently serve as a Cardiovascular, thoracic, and transplant surgeon at Jaslok Hospital and Research Centre, Mumbai. Trained at Grant Medical College, Mumbai, and the Royal Melbourne Hospital, Australia, and honoured with the Dr. P. K. Sen and Dr. Sadasivan Gold Medals, I remain committed to excellence. I aim to strengthen education, innovation, and global collaboration in IACTS. Together, let us take IACTS forward.



Dr Upendra Bhalerao  
Jaslok Hospital and Research Centre, Mumbai



Dear Esteemed Colleagues, With deep commitment to advancing our specialty, I humbly seek your support for the post of IACTS Executive Committee member. My vision is to strengthen academic excellence, enhance postgraduate training, and inspire the next generation to choose cardiothoracic surgery as a career of passion and purpose. I will work tirelessly to establish national platforms for research, teaching, and mentorship, ensuring every trainee has access to world-class learning opportunities. Together, we can shape the future of our specialty I request your valuable vote to build a stronger academic future for us all.

Dr Vinitha Nair  
Govt Medical College Kottayam.



## Contenders for IACTSCON 2029 venue are



Venue - **Ahmedabad**  
Theme - **Bridging tradition and technology to transform**

Organising  
Secretary - **Dr Dhaval Naik**  
Organising  
Chairman - **Dr Gaurav Goel**  
Treasurer - **Dr Sukumar Mehta**

Dear colleagues, Choose Ahmedabad for IACTS 2029 India's first UNESCO World Heritage City, it beautifully combines modern infrastructure with a living heritage of culture, safety, and effortless accessibility. With excellent air connectivity, plentiful quality hotels, and state-of-the-art convention facilities, the city promises smooth organization and comfort for every delegate. Ahmedabad's strong healthcare ecosystem, leading academic institutions, and premier cardiac centers will enrich scientific exchange and collaboration. Beyond science, delegates will enjoy heartfelt hospitality, vibrant traditions, and unforgettable cuisine. Let us meet where hearts connect and ideas grow. Vote for Ahmedabad— not just a venue, but an experience you will cherish long after the conference.

Venue - **Vishakapatnam**  
Theme - **Innovate Adapt and Sustain**  
Organising  
Secretary - **Guddatti Venkata Ramana Kumar**  
Organising  
Chairman - **R V Kumar**  
Treasurer - **Jaydeep Kumar Trivedi**

Greeting's from Vizag, City of Destiny.

We will be honoured to host IACTSCON 2029.

We are committed for free registration for retired Professors, and all spouses. we will assure a teasing appetite of Cuisine by the sea side, and a bounty of sight seeing for the spouses n kids including Indias first longest glass bridge, paragliding, largest sea carrier, and hanging cable cars. we will ensure all Delegates high standard Scientific programme with emphasis on sustainability, low individual financial burden, lasting memorable trip for spouses n kids .

we sincerely request to vote and support for Vizag.



## Curio corner



Dr Satyajit Bose



Dr Vivek Jawali

Travel is yet another form of relaxation that combines learning of cultures cuisine and much more! Breaking the ultimate in geographic frontiers we have our president elect and past president on the seventh continent clearly leading by example!



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