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FRIDAY, 23-10-2026

DAY – 1, 09:00 am TO 05:00 pm

Time	Prof. R. Viswanathan Hall	Prof. A S Paintal Hall	Prof. M M Singh Hall	Prof. J S Guleria Hall	Robert Koch Hall
09:00 am to 10:00 am	Symposium on Bronchial Asthma	Symposium on ILD	Symposium on Lung Cancer	Symposium on Interventional Pulmonary Medicine	Free Papers
	Chairperson: K B Gupta, S V Siva Prasad Reddy, Gautam Modi, Vikas Pilaniya	Chairperson: Ruwanthi Jayasekara, Deepak Agarwal, Avala Ravi Charan	Chairperson: Nyrvan Baishya, Thomas Vadakkan, Kalpesh Panchal	Chairperson: Amit Dhamija, R Dhaval Darji, A Raghukanth, Lakshmi Narayan Jasti	
	- Recent Insights into Asthma Inflammation Mechanisms (15 min.) Manju R - ABPA Consensus Standards: Recent Updates and Findings (15 min.) Gajendra Vikram Singh -Small Airway Dysfunction and Refractory Asthma (15 min.) Rajesh Kumar Yadavilli -Comprehensive Asthma Care: Moving Beyond Inhalers (15 min.) Surya Kant	-IPF in India: The Epidemiological Reality (15 min.) TLN Swamy -ILD Nomenclature: Recent Classification & Confusion- (15 min.) Ansuman Mukhopadhyay - Chronic Sarcoidosis: Unmasking the Great Masquerader: (15 min.) Rahul Sharma -PPF Trajectories: Predicting, Managing, and Overcoming Disease Progression (15 min.) Abhishek Singh Chauhan	- Lung Cancer Screening: Is India Ready for Low-dose CT? (15 min.) Anant Mohan Molecular Testing in NSCLC: Every Pulmonologist Should Know: (15 min.) Dushantha Madegedara - Current Standards and New Shifts in Lung Cancer Treatment (15 min.) D Behera -Navigating Lung Cancer: The Vital Role of the Thoracic Surgeon (15 min.) Sumana Handagala	-Handling Complications during EBUS Aakanksha Chawla -Clearing the Core: A Guide to Central Airway Obstruction (15 min.) Sourabh Pahuja -Next-Generation Thoracoscopy: Autofluorescence and NBI: (15 min.) Varun Patel - Respiratory Failure Risk and Management with Bronchofiberoptic Procedures (15 min.) Szymon Skoczynski	

10:00 am to 11:00 am	Bronchial Asthma	Symposium on ILD	Symposium on Critical Care	Symposium on Interventional Pulmonary Medicine	Symposium on Pulmonary Fungal Infection
	Panel Discussion Moderator: Rajkumar Panelist: P C Kathuria, S P Rai, Ashish Prakash, Raj Bhagat, Sanjeev Anand, Jay Mehta (30 min.) - Early Intervention vs. Last Resort: Allergen Immunotherapy in Allergic Asthma Debate: Bronchial Asthma -Biologics in Severe Asthma: Breakthrough Paradigm or Overpriced Promise? (30 min.) In favor: Sourabh Pahuja Against: Mir Elias Referee: Agam Vora	Chairperson: Anitha Kumari, Yuvarajan S., Rishi Kumar Sharma, Pawan Kumar Agrawal -ILD Exacerbation: Shifting Horizons and Justified Optimism (15 min.) Kumar Doshi -Hypersensitivity Pneumonitis: Diagnostic Approach (15 min.) Naveen Dutt -Mapping Myositis-ILD: Patterns and Prognosis: (15 min.) Veerottam Tomer - Pulmonary Sarcoidosis: Diagnostic Challenges & Evolving Treatment Paradigm (15 min.) Indu Bubna	Chairperson: Shahid Patel, Mohammed Javed Qureshi, Shubhakaran Sharma -AI in the ICU: The Stop-Continue-Sustain Matrix (15 min.) Rajeev Ranjan - Advanced Life Support: ECPR & ECCO2R (15 min.) Amrish Patel - Ventilator Modes in Weaning: Do They Make a Difference? (15 min.) Ved Prakash -Predicting and Preventing Post-Extubation Failure (15 min.) Atul Tiwari	Chairperson: Gaurav Gupta, Jatin Nagar, Rohith S -Evolution of EBUS: Past, Present and Future – (15 min.) M Munavvar -Bronchoscopy in ICU (15 min.) Yeshey Om Tshering -Freezing the Node: EBUS Mediastinal Cryobiopsy (15 min.) Rajeev Viswanathan -Interventional Bronchoscopy in Emphysema: What's new? (15 min.) M Munavvar	Chairperson: Animesh Rai, Azad Singh, Deepaselvi M, Anubhav Sharma -Next Generation Sequencing and Molecular Diagnostics in Pulmonary Mycosis (15 min.) Alladi Mohan -Novel Antifungal Therapies (15 min.) Jaisy Thomas -Unmasking Pulmonary Mucormycosis: Early Diagnosis (15 min.) N Narendra Kumar -Antifungal Stewardship in The ICU (15 min.) Anand Kumar

11:00 am to 12:00 pm	NCCP (I) ORATIONS AT PROF. R. VISWANATHAN HALL Chairperson: K C Agarwal, S N Gaur				
	NCCP(I) - Prof. Dr. Raman Vishwanathan Memorial Chest Oration -From Palliation to Precision: My Five - Decades Voyage through Asthma Control (30 min.) (Brig.) Ashok Rajput NCCP(I) – Prof. AS Paintal - Dr. RC Jain Memorial Chest Oration -Building Blocks: A Journey of a Pulmonary Physician (30 min.) Anand Jaiswal				
12:00 pm to 01:00 pm	Symposium on Asthma	Symposium on ILD	Panel Discussion	Symposium on Interventional Pulmonary Medicine	Symposium on NTM Disease
	Chairperson: Swati Behera Sharan, Vyakarnam Nageshwar, Suman Khangarot	Debate: ILD -Should Antifibrotics be First-Line for All Progressive Fibrosing ILDs? (30 min.) Yes: Javaid Malik No: Vijay Hadda Referee: Deepak Talwar	Panel Discussion Moderator: Anupam Patra Panelist- Mohhamed Arif, G Vedarankya, Vineela Surapaneni, Arun Gangadhar, Sandeep Nayar (30 min.) - Managing Highly Suspicious GGOs: Bronchoscopy or Direct Surgery?	Chairperson: Avdhesh Bansal, Ashish Singh	Chairperson: Khushboo Saxena, Rajeev Katara, Rekha Bansal
	- Predicting and Preventing Biological Failure in Severe Asthma. (15 min.) Rajesh Kumar Yadavilli - CT Evaluation in Asthma: Guiding Management Decisions (15 min.) Gayathri Devi HJ - Chronic Kidney Disease and Asthma Pharmacotherapy: Dose Adjustment Pitfalls (15 min.) Rahul Tyagi	Panel Discussion Moderator: Apar Jindal Panelist: Abdul Manjeed Arshad, Sudarshan Gupta, Kamal Nayan Shringi, Isha Garg (30 min.) -Collaborative Care in Interstitial Lung Disease: From Diagnosis to Management	Panel Discussion Moderator: Rajendra Prasad Panelist: V K Jain, G N Srivastav, B B Mathur, Dhruv Chaudhary, Sujeet Kumar Bhattacharya (30 min.) -The Lost Art of The Bedside Examination: Reviving Clinical Signs and Symptoms	- Optimizing EBUS-TBNA Yield (15 min.) R Narasimhan - Pediatric Respiratory IP: Today & Tomorrow (15 min.) Sarabon Tahura - Image Optimization in EBUS (15 min.) V. Tomer - Cost Effective Innovations in IP (15 min.) M S Gopala Krishna	- Refractory MAC: Current Realities, Future Solutions (15 min.) Reetu G - Optimizing NTM Outcomes: The Role of Non-Pharmacologic Therapy (15 min.) Kumar Abhishek - GERD, Aspiration, and NTM Risk (15 min.) Kiran Rami

	-Targeting the Cascade: Mechanism and Efficacy of Immunotherapy in Asthma (15 min) Prathap Pillai				- Overlapping Threats: Triad of NTM, Bronchiectasis, and Chronic Aspergillosis (15 min.) Zaheer Abbas Shah
12:00 pm to 03:00 pm	WORKING LUNCH				
01:00 pm to 02:00 pm	Year in Review 2025-26 (COPD)	Symposium on ILD	Year Review in Interventional Pulmonology 2025-26	Symposium on COPD	Symposium on Pleural Diseases
	Moderator: Vivekan Pillai -Brensocatib New USFDA Approved Drug in Non-Cystic Fibrosis Bronchiectasis (15 min.) Deoraj Vivekan Pillai -Respiratory Intensive Care: ERS Clinical Practice Guidelines on Telemonitoring and Home Ventilation. (15 min.) Amit Asati	Chairperson: S K Agarwal, -Future of Fibro- Inflammatory ILD Management (15 min.) Rajesh Chawla -The Vascular Paradox: How COPD Remodels the Lung (15 min.) Hari S Sharma	Moderator: Pratibha Gogia -Advances in Basic and Advanced Bronchoscopy (15 min.) Pratibha Gupta Gogia -Pleural Diseases - Recent Advances (15 min.) Shweta Bansal -Interventional Pulmonology in Other Lung Diseases - Hope on the Horizon (15 min.) Shivanshu Raj	Chairperson: Sabyasachi Chowdhury, Kamaljeet Singh, Jitendra Kumar Meena Sleep: The Forgotten Therapeutic Tool in COPD Management (15 min.) Deepti Gothi Triple Therapy in COPD, who are Benefitted the Most (15 min.) Pradyumn sharma	Chairperson: Multimodal Treatment of Pulmonary Mesothelioma (15 min.) Mariam Almarashda Management of Empyema- Current Status (15 min.) Anil Kapoor

	-Highlights From the Sleep Disordered Breathing Assembly (15 min.) Girish Agarwal -Efzogitimod in Pulmonary Sarcoidosis (15 min.) Balakrishnan	Panel Discussion Beyond textbooks: How to Shape Carrier in Pulmonology? (30 min.) Moderator: Virender Singh Panelist: Randeep Guleria, J C Suri, Deepak Talwar, T Mohan Kumar, Surya Kant		Rethinking Hyperoxia: The Critical Role of Conservative Oxygen Strategies in COPD (15 min.) P S Tampi Key Knowledge Gaps in Asthma-COPD Overlap Research (15 min.) Naseeha Mohammed SV	Role of Thoracoscopy in Empyema (15 min.) Sandeep Katiyar -Thoracoscopy for Non-Malignant Effusions (15 min.) Nitin Jain
02:00 pm to 03:00 pm	Sleep Medicine	Symposium on Pulmonary Rehabilitation	Symposium on Pediatrics Pulmonary Medicine	Symposium on Pulmonary Embolism	Symposium on Interventional Pulmonary Medicine
	Debate: Sleep Medicine - AHI Should Be Abandoned as the Primary Metric for Diagnosing and Grading OSA Severity (30 min.) Yes: Lokesh Kumar Saini No: Vikram Sarbhai Referee: Gopal Rawal	Chairperson: Gautam Ram Karthik M, Vipin Chandra	Chairperson: Venugopal Jaganathan, Sushmita Roy Chowdhury, Sangeeta Sharma, Sambita Panda	Chairperson: Kunal Kumar, Shivraj Sharma, Shubhramshu, Bhavesh Chatwani	Chairperson: Kadli Shirish Kumar, Rajender Sogat, Mahesh Mishra, Amit Dedun
		- Pulmonary Rehabilitation: Evidence, Practice & Future Directions: (15 min.) GM Monsur Habib -Pulmonary Rehabilitation from Prescription to Participation (15 min.) Sally Singh	- Pediatric OSA -Diagnosis and Management Beyond Adenotonsillectomy (15 min.) P Hemalatha -Childhood ILD: (15 min.) Rana Yash	-The Pulmonary Embolism Response Team (PERT) Model: Streamlining Acute Care (15 min.) Shikha Jindal Gupta -Subsegmental PE Dilemmas: To Treat or to Watch? (15 min.) Latha Sarma	-Infection control in IP Suite (15 min.) Rajesh Chawla -Rigid Bronchoscopy and Endobronchial Occlusion in Hemoptysis Crises (15 min.) Amit Dave

	Panel Discussion: Moderator: Paresh Chandra Mohanta Panelist- Anshul Mittal, Shivani Swami, Rajnish Sharma, V Vinay Kumar, Praveen GS (30 min.) - Evaluating First-Line Interventions: Pharmacotherapy Versus CPAP in Obese Moderate-to-Severe OSA	-Phenotype Based Exercise Prescription in PR: Who Needs What? (15 min.) Ananya Prabhu -Telerehabilitation & Home-Based PR: The Future or a Compromise? (15 min.) Sachin Baliyan	- Airway Disorders & Foreign Body Aspiration in Pediatric (15 min.) Sarabon Tahura -Adolescents Asthma: Current Concepts & Management (15 min.) Nisha K. Bhatta	- Anticoagulation is No Longer Enough: Rethinking Reperfusion in Acute Pulmonary Embolism: (15 min.) Ashish Airen -The Long Shadows of Pulmonary Embolism: CETEPH & Post PE Syndrome: (15 min.) Davis Paul	-Cognitive Errors in IP: Diagnostics, Decision-Making, and Patient Safety (15 min.) Arpan Shah -Indwelling Pleural Catheter in Malignant Pleural Effusion: Current Evidence & Clinical Outcomes (15 min.) Ujjwal Prakash
03:00 pm to 04:00 pm	NCCP (I) ORATIONS AT PROF. R. VISWANATHAN HALL Chairperson: K C Agarwal, S N Gaur				
	NCCP(I) – Prof. Dr PS Shankar & Prof. KC Mohanty Chest Oration - Diabetes and the Lung: Emerging insights into the hidden connection (30 min.) PS Shajahan NCCP(I) – Prof. Dr S. K. Jain & Prof. Dr S. K. Katiyar Chest Oration From symptoms to solutions: Clinical decision-making in Respiratory Medicine (30 min.) Vishnu Sharma				

04:00 pm to 05:00 pm	Symposium on Sleep Disorders	Tuberculosis	Lung Infection	Symposium on Thoracic Surgery	NCCP(I) Prof. S N Gaur Young Scientific Award (90 minutes)
	Chairperson: Kashmira Jhala, Kayur Patel, Tanzil Rehman, Jai Kishan Khatri	Debate: TB Mass Treatment vs. Targeted Prevention: Should India Treat LTBI in the General Public or Only High-Risk Groups? (30 min.) Mass Public - Jigna Dave	Panel Discussion on Lung Infection: Moderator: Subhakar Kandi	Chairperson: S K Sarkar, Naseer Yusuf, Bharath Kathi, Mahesh Goyal	
	- From Mechanical to Metabolic: Redefining OSA Pathophysiology: (15 min.) Mukesh Goyal - Comorbid Insomnia and Sleep Apnea (COMISA) (15 min.) Vivek Vardhan Veerapaneni - Home Sleep Apnea Testing vs. In-Lab Polysomnography: The New Default? (15 min.) Manu Chopra - The Future of OSA: AI, Digital Health and Automated Personalized Therapy: (15 min.) Kripesh Ranjan Sarmah	Only High-Risk Groups- Sanjeev Nair Referee: S K Katiyar Panel Discussion: Tuberculosis Beyond Cure: Addressing Post-TB Lung Sequelae: (30 min.) Moderator: N K Jain Panelist: Adesh Kumar, Tariq Mahmood, Tushar Patel, Amit S Vasan, Rachit Sharma	Panelist- S Naidu, Bharath Janapati, Nancy Glory, Piyush Arora, Gopal Durgeshwar, -Hospital Acquired Pneumonia in 2026: Bridging Guidelines and Bedside Reality (30 min.) Debate: Lung Infection Steroids in Severe Community-Acquired Pneumonia: For or Against? (30 min.) For: Srishti Jain Against: Ankit Bansal Referee: S. K. Jindal	-Chest Trauma: Beyond the Chest Tube (15 min.) Sai Pavan -Surgical Management of Bronchiectasis (15 min) Sumana Handagala -Minimally Invasive Sublobar Resections (15 min.) Mariam Almarashda -Complex Oncologic Lung Resections (15 min.) Kamran Ali	
05:30 pm to 06:30 pm	GBM NCCP(I) AT B.M. BIRLA AUDITORIUM				

SATURDAY, 24-10-2026

DAY – 2, 09:00 am TO 05:00 pm

Time	Prof. R. Viswanathan HALL	Prof. A S Paintal HALL	Prof. M M Singh HALL	Prof. J S Guleria HALL	Robert Koch HALL
09:00 am to 10:00 am	Symposium on Occupational Lung Diseases	Symposium on COPD	Symposium on Tuberculosis	Symposium on Pulmonary Vascular Diseases	Symposium on Interventional Pulmonary Medicine
	Chairperson: P K Gupta, Bharat Bhushan Sharma, Mayank Saxena, Vijay Meena	Chairperson: Manak Gujrani, Vipul Kumar, Shailesh Chaturvedi, Deepesh Agarwal	Chairperson: Rakesh C Gupta, S K Awasthi, Rajeev Garg, Umang Shah	Chairperson: Madhu Kanodia, Neeraj Gupta, Harshita Rani, Lokendra Dave	Chairperson: CH Bharath, S Raju, Sunil K Agarwal, Aamir Shokat
	- Stone Dust Danger: More Than Just Silicosis: (15 min.) Ramakant Dixit - Molecular & Breath Diagnostics in Pneumoconiosis (15 min.) Harish VK -Antifibrotics in Pneumoconiosis: Evolution or Revolution? (15 min.) C R Chaudhary	-Pre-COPD: Are We Diagnosing Too Late? (15 min.) P Sukumaran -Nontobacco COPD: Newer Insights: (15 min.) Hetal Shah -Biologics in COPD: From Promise to Practice (15 min.) Sanjay Sogani	- Therapeutic Drug Monitoring for Anti-Tubercular Drugs: (15 min.) Dushantha Madegedara - Assessment and Drug Safety Surveillance in TB Treatment: (15 min.) V Vinod Kumar - Unmasking EPTB: Where Guidelines End and Clinical Judgment Begins (15 min.) Ajay Verma	-Catching it Early: Recognizing Subtle Signs of Pulmonary Vascular Disease (15 min.) Anish Kumar Khan - PH in Pregnancy: Risk Counseling and Multi-Disciplinary Management (15 min.) T K Jayalakshmi -From REVEAL to Reality: Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension Risk Assessment (15 min.) Abhinav Choubey	- CBCT for Peripheral Pulmonary Lesions (15 min.) Vishnu -Airway Recanalization via Laser, Electrocautery & APC (15 min.) Loveleen Mangla - Bronchoscopic Lung Cryo- Biopsy (15 min.) Pratibha Singhal

	- Occupational Lung Disease in Sports: (15 min.) U C Ojha	-Air Travel Instructions for COPD with Chronic Hypoxemia: (15 min.) Sudhanshu Kalra	-Beyond Tuberculosis: Clinical Approaches to NTM (15 min.) S K Sharma	-Optimal Management of Acute PE in 2026 (15 min.) Jeff Bowden	-The Diagnostic Frontier: Mastering Navigation Bronchoscopy for SPN (15 min.) Mahendra Kumar
10:00 am to 11:00 am	Symposium on Air Pollution	Symposium on COPD	Symposium on Chest Radiology	Symposium on Pulmonary Vascular Diseases	Symposium on Holistic Approach & Palliative Care in Pulmonary Medicine
	Chairperson: Nirupam Sharan, Adikalavan, Ashish Tandon, Rachit Sharma	Chairperson: Vinod Joshi, Manoj Agarwal, Devendra Kumar Singh, Abhishek Gupta	Chairperson: K Gowrinath, Vishakha Kapdia, Rajender Takhar, Sireesha Puvvadi	Chairperson: Arun Chowdary Koratu, Shekar Kunal, Mox Mehta	Chairperson: V K Singh, Amita Athawale, Mukesh Mandawariya
	-Air Pollution and Lung Health (15 min.) Krishna Kumar -Ground Level Ozone Pollution: Impact on Lung Health: (15 min.) M Sabir -Ambient Air Pollution: Findings of APEAL Study: (15 min.) P A Mahesh	-Dysanapsis and COPD: Is Low Lung Function Programmed from Early Life? (15 min.) A K Janmeja -COPD in South Asian Female: a Neglected Entity: (15 min.) Mohd. Aziz-Ur-Rahman - COPD Flare-Ups: Prediction, Prevention, Precision (15 min.) Sumeet Kumar De	-When Normal is not Normal: Uncovering Subtle Chest X - Ray Abnormalities: (15 min.) G Ravindra Babu - Simplifying Complex Thoracic Pathology on Chest X - Ray: (15 min.) B Jayaprakash -Middle Lobe Syndrome: an Enigmatic Radiologic Entity (15 min.) Ashok Shah	- From Diagnosis to Prognosis: The Evolving Role of Imaging in Pulmonary Hypertension (15 min.) Anand Patel -Is this PH Pre-Capillary, Post Capillary or Mixed: (15 min.) Rakesh Gupta -CTD associated PAH: Screening Strategies & Early Interventions (15 min.) Alyah Ali Ebrahim	-Refractory Dyspnea: Neurotransmitters, Opioids and the Science of Relief (15 min.) T Mohan Kumar -Palliative Care Tools/Approach in Advanced Pulmonary Fibrosis (15 min.) Rajani Bhatt

	- The Invisible Trigger: Air Pollution's Role in Rising Allergies: (15 min.) Sitesh Roy	-A Telemedicine Approach for Monitoring COPD (15 min.) R M Sundrani	-Mediastinal Staging: Current Methods and Best Practices: (15 min.) B Menon	- Pulmonary Embolism: Recent Guideline & Practical Approach (15 min.) Arun Kumar D	- Palliative Care in Lung Transplantation: Current Update & Future Directions (15 min.) T Karthik -Herbal Medicine and Supplements in Respiratory Care (15 min.) Antony Kalliath
11:00 am to 12:00 pm	INDIAN CHEST SOCIETY ORATIONS AT PROF. R. VISWANATHAN HALL				
	Chairperson: Randeep Guleria, Subhakar Kandi				
	Dr. S. N. Tripathi Presidential Oration ICS FLEETING SHADOWS, LASTING QUESTIONS: Three decades with Allergic Broncho pulmonary Aspergillosis From Perplexing Patients and Clinical Paradoxes to Changing Disease Trajectories" (30 min.) Sudhir Kumar O. A. Sharma Oration, Indian Chest Society One Size Does Not Fit All: Reimagining TB care in Tribal district Adilabad of Telangana (30 min.) C. Sumalata				

12:00 pm to 01:00 pm	Symposium on Sleep Disorders	Debate and Panel Discussion on COPD	Panel Discussion & Clinical Pearls	Symposium on Lung Infection: Pneumonia	
	Chairperson: Rohit Kumar, Suraj Verma, Vemuri Mahesh Babu, Sudhini Sreeja Reddy	Debate on COPD Triple Therapy for Symptomatic COPD: Universal First-Line or Reserved for Frequent Exacerbators? (30 min.) In Favor: Manohar Acharyulu Against: Satya Padmaja Referee: Suresh Koolwal	Panel Discussion Are Ultra 6 Months Regimens Ready for Blanket Implementation in all DRTB? (30 min.) Moderator: Vikas Oswal Panelist: MM Puri, Santosh Kumar, Rupam Kumar TA, Rushi Patel, Mandeep Kaur Sodhi, Sangeeta Sharma	Chairperson: Rekha Parameswari, Sanjay Sahay, Avdhesh Kumar, Sanidhya Tak	
	- SRBD & Cardiovascular Consequences (15 min.) S Rishikesavan - Precision Phenotyping — Moving Beyond AHI (15 min.) Sandeep Rana -Mild and Non-sleepy OSA: Wait or Treat (15 min.) Priti Meshram - Drug induced Sleep Endoscopy: Current Application & Clinical Perspective (15 min.) Anupam Kanodia		Chairperson: Purshottam Soni, Anand Srivastava, Mahesh Gupta	-Hidden Players in Respiratory Viral Infections: Other than Influenza, RSV, and SARS-CoV (15 min.) Baijayantimala Mishra -Melioidosis in India (15 min.) P R Mohapatra -Establishing Sustainable Rural ICU: Challenges, Innovation & Way Forward (15 min.) Raja Amarnath -Neuropsychiatric Footprint of Long Covid & Post-Viral Syndromes (15 min.) S P Likhin	
		Panel discussion COPD: Looking Beyond Lungs (30 min.) Moderator: P K Thomas Panelist: R C Sahoo, Amit Agarwal, Kapil Salgia, Ritabrata Mitra, N Bhaskara Rao	-Difficult to treat TB: case Scenarios (15 min.) Komal Shah -Clinical Pearls in Chest Radiology (15 min.) Supriyo Sarkar		

12:00 pm to 03:00 pm	WORKING LUNCH				
01:00 pm to 02:00 pm	Symposium on Tuberculosis	Symposium on Asthma	Symposium on Newer Drugs and Molecules	Symposium on AI in Respiratory Medicine	
	Chairperson: Saroj Meena, Frank Mohan V, Trinath Dash, Battilal Meena	Panel Discussion – Biologics in Severe Asthma: Expert Perspectives on Key Clinical Questions (30 minutes)	Chairperson: Santhakumar S, Amit Srivastava, Sharad Tikkiwal, Jitendra Verma	Chairperson: Sushmita Choudhury, Vinod Jangid, Ashok Singh Charan	
	-Non-Sputum-Based Diagnosis of TB (15 min.) Amitabh Das Shukla -Treatment of Isoniazid Monoresistance TB: Search for Better (15 min.) Manohar Lal Gupta -Airborne Infection Control Measures in Tuberculosis (15 min.) Melcy Cleetus -Heteroresistance & its Impact on Treatment Outcome in DR-TB (15 min.) Avinash Pabbisetty	Moderator- Arjun Khanna Panelist: Pramod Dadhich, Vikas Marwah, Rakesh Godara, Devanathan Chairperson: Pradumn Sharma, Birma Ram Jangid, Ratan Lal Jaat IL-33 as an Alarmin: Implications for Airway Homeostasis and Inflammation (15 min.) Harjit Dumra -Burden of Asthma in India - Is it Necessary to Understand? (15 min.) Nishtha Singh	- Activin Receptor Signaling Inhibition as a Disease Modifying Therapy for PAH (15 min.) Ramya Devi - Beyond Oseltamivir: The Next Generation of Respiratory Antivirals (15 min.) Gaurav Chabra -Inhaled Antibiotics and Mucoactives: Targeting Resistant Pseudomonas Biofilms (15 min.) Brijesh Prajapat	- How AI is Transforming TB Therapeutics and Drug Design (15 min.) Nibedita Rath - Large language Models in Respiratory Care (15 min.) Chirali Shah -AI in Scientific Writing: Ethical Boundaries (15 min.) Deepak Sharma -Role of AI in Managing Pulmonary Diseases (15 min.) Ayush Pandey	

			-Inject or Inhale? The future of Biologic Therapy in Asthma (15 min.) Rajesh Venkat		
02:00 pm to 03:00 pm	Symposium on Critical Care	Panel Discussion on ILD & Guest Lecture	Symposium on Pneumonia	Symposium on Critical Care	
	Chairperson: Antony Kalliath	Panel Discussion: ILD -Guidelines Say No, Clinicians Say Yes: Is off Label PAH Therapy in PAH-ILD Justified? (30 min.)	Chairperson: Surender Kashyap, Swapnil Jain, Kranthi Kumar Shavagani, Kewal Krishan Dang	Chairperson: Abhishek Prajapati, Souparna Saha, Dinesh Ravi Sharma, Mahesh Mahich	
	- Beyond the Monitor: Treating the Whole Patient (15 min.) Ashish Agarwal - ARDS: Beyond Low Tidal Vol. Ventilation: (15 min.) Sudha Kansal -Bridging the Urban-Rural Critical Care Gap: Ward based Management of Acute Respiratory Failure: (15 min.) Jeff Bowden	Moderator: Deepak Talwar Panelist: Ambika Sharma, Namitha R, Varuna Jethani, Ujjawal Sharma, Shabd Prakash Chairperson: BNBM Prasad -Prognostic Factors and Mortality Risk in Non-IPF ILD (15 min.) Alyah Ali Ebrahim	-Rapid Molecular Diagnostics for Pneumonia: How Much Do They Change Management? (15 min.) Puneet Khanna -Severe Community Acquired Pneumonia: What's New in 2026- (15 min.) V M Kiran Ogirala -Atypical Pneumonia: Not so Atypical Anymore, Act Before it's Too Late: (15 min.) N T Awad	- Unlocking the Power of Thoracic USG in Critical Care (15 min.) Anusree P S -Individualized Ventilatory Strategies for ARDS (15 min.) Pramod Sood - Sepsis Care 2026: What Actually Changed? (15 min.) Mrinal Sircar	

	- Prehospital Respiratory Failure Treatment form Home to Hospital (15 min.) Szymon Skoczynski	-A Critical Approach to “Refractory COPD”: Delving into the “Heart of the Matter” (15 min.) Narendra Bhatta	-Post-Viral Bronchial Hyperreactivity: The Lasting Legacy of COVID-19 (15 min.) Narayan Mishra	-Decoding Complex VAP: Diagnostic Dilemmas & Clinical Solutions (15 min.) Sateesh Chandra Alavala	
03:00 pm to 04:00 pm	INDIAN CHEST SOCIETY ORATIONS AT PROF. R. VISWANATHAN HALL Chairperson: Randeep Guleria, Subhakar Kandi				
	Dr. C. V. Ramakrishnan Oration Control of Tuberculosis and re-evaluating the role of BCG (30 min.) -George D’Souza Dr. K. J. R. Murthy Oration COPD: Where are we? (30 min.) - R. Premaanandan Raya				
04:00 pm to 05:00 pm	Guest Lecture	Symposium on Pulmonary Rehabilitation	Symposium on Tuberculosis	Symposium on Bronchiectasis	ICS Young Scientist Award 90 minutes
	Chairperson: R N Solanki, A Nirupama Devi, Narendra Rawal, Shashi Agnihotri	Chairperson: Deependra Kumar Rai, Subir Kumar Day	Chairperson: D Seshagiri Rao, Sushmita Jakka, Deepak Singh, D S Dadhwal	Chairperson: Gunjan Soni, N S Rajawat, Rajwinder Kaur, Jay Manchanda	
	- Two Health Systems, Shared Challenges: Health Disparities and Social Determinants in Respiratory Health — Lessons from India and the United States (15 min.) Akanksha Anand	-The Pure study: Developing and Evaluating Pulmonary Rehabilitation Models for Low- and Middle-Income Countries: (15 min.) GM Monsur Habib	- Challenges and Progress in LTBI (15 min.) S Rishikesavan	-Lung Microbiome in Bronchiectasis: Current Understanding & Management Implications (15 min.) Vipin Varkey	ICS Young Scientist Award 90 minutes

	-Immunodeficiency and Lung Diseases (15 min.) Avni Y Joshi -Refractory Chronic Cough: Update on Pathophysiology & Treatment Options (15 min.) Vivek Iyer High Altitude Pulmonary Syndromes: A Clinical Paradigm Shift (15 min.) Narendra Bhatta	-Digital Technology in Pulmonary Rehabilitation (15 min.) Sally Singh -Breath, Mind, and Mood: Psychosocial Aspect of Pulmonary Rehabilitation (15 min.) Anurag Tripathi -How do We Sustain the Benefits After Completion of PR (15 min.) Vikas Mittal	-Sequencing Over Sputum: Should WGS Replace Phenotypic DST as the New Gold Standard in India? (15 min.) Salil Bhargava -The RATIONS Trial: Is Nutrition a Bigger Lever Than Any Drug We Have? (15 min.) Poonguzhali Rajaji -Cured but Not Well: Is 'Treatment Success' the Wrong Endpoint for TB? (15 min.) Supriya Adiody	- Beyond the Usual Suspects: Spotting Hidden Syndromes in Bronchiectasis: (15 min.) Priyanka Singh -Bacteriophages for Bronchiectasis: a Promising Future (15 min.) Unni R Baby -Bronchiectasis Management: Moving Toward Precision Medicine (15 min.) Sonia Dalal	
05:30 pm to 06:30 pm	AGBM - INDIAN CHEST SOCIETY AT B.M. BIRLA AUDITORIUM				

SUNDAY, 25-10-2026

DAY – 3, 09:00 am TO 02:30 pm

Time	Prof. R. Viswanathan HALL	Prof. A S Paintal HALL	Prof. M M Singh HALL	Prof. J S Guleria HALL
09:00 am to 10:00 am	Environment & Lung Health	Symposium on Pleural Disorders	Symposium on Oxygen Therapy & NIV	Smoking, Lung Health & Obesity
	Chairperson: R Sridhar, Chand Bhandari, Ajeet Singh, Rakesh Bhatnagar	Chairperson: E Ravindra Reddy, Arjun Chandran, Gulab Singh, Sameer Lote	Chairperson: Sangram Keshari Mohapatra, Ananda Datta, Devesh Kanoongo, Rahul Ahluwalia	Chairperson: N H Krishna, Jitendra Kotadia, Manoj K Panigrahi, Bhupender Saini
	-Beyond the Unknown: Unmasking Environmental Triggers of IPF (15 min.) Vijay Tyagi -Climate Change & Lung Health (15 min.) Judo Joseph V -Pulmonary Effects Of Wildfire Smoke (15 min.) Vicky Bakshi -Thunderstorm asthma (15 min.) O K Mani	- Current Protocols in Intra Pleural Enzymatic Therapy - Perspective from India & Other Resource limited Settings (15 min.) M S Barthwal -Liquid Biopsies in Mesothelioma (15 min.) Sneha Sreekummar -Predicting Lung Entrapment And Preventing Re-Expansion Pulmonary Oedema (15 min.) Loganathan N	-HFNC: Evidence, Indications & limitations (15 min.) Debajyoti Bhattacharya - High-Flow Nasal Cannula: Is It a Bridge or a Replacement for NIV? (15 min.) Deepti Rathi -Home NIV for hypercapnic COPD: When and How (15 min.) Prem Prakash Gupta -Beyond COPD: Expanding NIV Utility in Acute Cardiogenic Pulmonary Edema (15 min.) Samir Sahu	-E-Cigarette Dilemma in India (15 min.) Zia Hashim -Smoking Cessation: National Tobacco Quit Line Services (15 min.) D K Bajaj - Biomarkers of Smoke-Induced Lung Injury: Moving from Bench to Bedside (15 min.) Manoj Meena

		-Hepatic Hydrothorax: Contemporary Management Strategies: (15 min.) Vijay Kumar Agarwal		- Obesity Hypoventilation Syndrome: Status And Future Directions For Optimizing Care Of A Complex And Diverse Condition (15 min.) Kewal Krishan Dang
10:00 am to 11:00 am	Symposium on Lung Cancer	Panel Discussion & Debate on Plural Disease	Symposium on Research and Medical Education	Nutrition and Respiratory Diseases
	Chairperson: Pranai Sai, D C Gupta, Lokesh Verma	Panel discussion Primary Spontaneous Pneumothorax: Conservative Management vs. Early Surgical Intervention To Prevent Recurrence Moderator: Shushil Jain Panelist- Ramesh Bharate, Rama Phanindral, Ramkaran Chaudhary, Vikas Mishra	Chairperson: Rajendra Prasad, V K Jain, Nalin Joshi, Ajay K Verma	Chairperson: Raghumanda Sunil Kumar, Ramana Prasad, R B Gupta, Manoj Meena
	-Approach to Management Of Mediastinal Mass (15 min.) BNBM Prasad - Role of Peri/ Preoperative Chemo-Immunotherapy In Resectable Nsclc: Shifting Paradigm (15 min.) Ajay Bapna Immune Check Point Inhibitor Related To Toxicities In Lung Cancer (15 min.) Viral Nanda	Debate: - Fibrinolytics and DNase Should Be The Standard First-Line Therapy For All Non-Loculated, Failing Empyema's Before Considering Surgery (30 min.) Yes- Pallavi Purwar No- Sukhram Bishnoi Referee: Anula Sisodia	- Why Clinicians Should Do Research and How to Start (15 min.) Sanjay Kochar -Ethical Issues In Research (15 min.) Rajendra Takhar - How to Become a Good Reviewer- the Benefits and the Academic Skills to Acquire (15 min.) V K Arora	-Weight Faltering: An Opportunity Toward Tuberculosis Elimination (15 min.) Jai Kishan -The Frail Phenotype: Redefining Prognosis and Risk in COPD (15 min.) Nitin Goel - Perioperative and Pre- Transplant Nutrition (15 min.) Pradip Dabhi

	- The Liquid Biopsy Revolution: Shaping the Future of Lung Cancer Care: (15 min.) Vikas Sikri		-The New Era of PG Medical Education: Aligning with Latest CBME Guidelines (15 min.) Talha Sad	-Food for Thought: What is Optimal Diet For Asthma & COPD Patients (15 min.) Amit Satish Gupta
11:00 am to 12:00 pm	Symposium on AI in Respiratory Medicine	Symposium on Chest Ultrasound	Panel Discussion on NTM & Adult Vaccination	Miscellaneous
	Chairperson: R P Meena, Nikhil Sarangdhar, Mehul Agarwal, Ashish Jain	Chairperson: Rahul Jalan, Jitendra Sharma, Pallavi Periwai, Rajender Kumar Chandel	Panel Discussion on NTM (30 min.) Moderator: S K Luhadia Panelist: Purshottam Soni, Shubhra Jain, Vaishal Sheth, Rajveer Kuldeep, Manas Bhanushali	Chairperson: Nishtha Singh, Minesh Patel, Babu Lal Bansiwal, Lalit Kumar Raiger
	- Role of AI in NTEP (15 min.) Raghu Ram Uppalapati - Evolving Role of AI in Transforming Sleep Medicine (15 min.) Amit Kiran Rath -Role of AI in Imaging And Physiological Monitoring in COPD (15 min.) Ritisha Bhatt	-Ultrasound-Guided Airway Evaluation: Clinical Applications and Advancements (15 min.) Parinita S -Point-of-Care Ultrasound: Assessing Diaphragmatic Function (15 min.) H J Singh - Precision Lung Ultrasound: Clinical Utility vs. Common Pitfalls (15 min.) Abhishek Prajapati	Panel Discussion on Respiratory vaccination Current status in India (30 min.) Moderator: Vivek Nangia Panelist- Ram Deoskar, Prateek Kothari, Atul Luhadia, Palaniappan C, Ashok Kuwal	-Managing Airway Clearance at Home (15 min.) KPS Arora - Non-CPAP Devices for OSA Treatment (15 min.) Vinod Kumar - Interventional and Medical Management of Airway TB (15 min.) S A Rafi -Air Pollution & Its Effects On Genes (15 min.) C S Modi

	-AI in Pulmonology: Current Applications and Future Horizons (15 min.) Srikar	-BLUE Protocol in Acute Respiratory Failure (15 min.) Prateek Koolwal		
12:00 pm to 01:00 pm	Symposium on Lung Transplantation	Symposium Allergy & Immunotherapy	Symposium on Tuberculosis	Session on Miscellaneous Topics
	Chairperson: Sukhram Bishnoi, H L Parihar, Ravi Chandak	Chairperson: Gautam Bhagat, Shameem N, Priyadarshi Sharma, Vinod Kumar Katil	Chairperson: Puneet Arora, Prabhakar, Reshma, Manoj Arya,	Chairperson: R C Meena, Ambarish Joshi, Rajeev Narang, Neetu Jain
	-Pre-Transplant Optimization: What We Can Change, What We Can't, and What Matters Most (15 min.) Karan Mehra - Optimizing Lung Transplant Timelines: Overcoming Clinical Barriers and Expanding Alternatives (15 min.) Moiz Lalani -Lung Transplantation In Telomere Biology Disorders: Pre- And Post-Transplant Considerations (15 min.) Shivani Swami	-Wheat Allergy Or Intolerance? Separating Fact From Fiction (15 min.) Lokesh Maan -Anaphylaxis: Clinical Approach (15 min.) Prashant Prakash - Elevating Accuracy: New Eras In Respiratory Allergy Testing (15 min.) M K Gupta -Psychological Triggers Of Allergic Disorders (15 min.) Ravikant Zala	-DST Based Management of Tuberculosis: Is it Reliable? (15 min.) Anil Kumar Jain - Empirical TB Therapy: When Should We Reconsider Diagnosis? (15 min.) Archna Mallick - Challenges in Silicotuberculosis Management (15 min.) Parul Vadgama - Strategies to Reduce Tb-Related Mortality (15 min.) Arti Shah	- Antigen Avoidance in ILD (15 min.) Sheetu Singh -Metformin Beyond Diabetes: Emerging Role In Respiratory Diseases (15 min.) Bharat Gopal -Airlift precautions & Guidance For Shifting Patients For Lung Transplantation (15 min.) Arjun Suresh -Refractory Hypoxemia In 2026: A Stepwise Bedside Algorithm (15 min.) Prashant Saxena

	- The Recalibration Protocol: Managing Immunosuppression During Severe Post-Transplant Sepsis (15 min.) Sindhu Kongati			
01:00 pm to 02:00 pm	Symposium on Airway Disorders	Symposium on Newer Drugs and Molecules	Session on Miscellaneous Topics	Session on Miscellaneous Topics
	Chairperson: Pawan Tiwari, Vijyant Solanki, Madhur Joshi, Mood Narayan	Chairperson: Neeharika Balla, Mukesh Patel, Piyush Pareek	Chairperson: Raksha Arora Anil Saxena, Manoj Kumar, Priyank Jain	Chairperson: P P Bansal, Lalit Kumar Sharma, Shreyas Sharma, Vinayak Mangal
	-Upper Airway Cough Syndrome: Clinical Clues (15 min.) Yugaveer Kalagani -Subglottic Stricture: When To Suspect, How To Manage (15 min.) Sivaresmi Unnithan -The Evolving Landscape of Tracheal Surgery: Indications and Advanced Techniques (15 min.) Ajay Narasimhan	- PDE3/PDE4 as a New Mechanism for COPD Treatment (15 min.) Roshan Kumar M - Novel MUC5AC and MUC5B Inhibitors for COPD (15 min.) Kumar Prashant -Glucagon-like-Peptide Receptor Agonists for OSA (15 min.) Govind Rajawat - Phosphodiesterase 4B (PDE4B) Inhibitors and Autotaxin Inhibitors for ILD (15 min.) Praveen Valsalan	-Respiratory Emergencies In Pregnancy (15 min.) Priyanka Das -Sarcopenia in COPD- A Missing Link (15 min.) Sushant Meshram -From linear to Circular: Rethinking Waste in Pulmonology (15 min.) Sangeetha I -Managing DIC in Critical Care (15 min.) Lalit Singh	-Practical Management of Pleural Effusion: From Evidence to Practice (15 min.) Govindasamy - Role of Sputum Anti-CCP in Identifying RA-ILD (15 min.) Saranya J - IgG4-Replated Pulmonary Disease: Navigating the Diagnostic Maze (15 min.) Rahul Kumar Gupta -Forceps Selection for Foreign Body removal (15 min.) Harsh Saxena

	-Indications of FeNO Testing Beyond Asthma (15 min.) Thamee Shahid			
02:00 pm to 02:30 pm	VALEDICTORY SESSION AT B.M. BIRLA AUDITORIUM			



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