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Day- 1, Friday, 06th March 2026

TIMING	TOPIC	FACULTY
9:00 – 9:05	Welcome Remarks and Scientific Program Outline	Scientific Co-chairs: Dr. N. Kumarasamy, Chennai Dr. Trupti Gilada, Mumbai Dr. Satish Rao, Mangalore
9:05 – 10:10	HIV Epidemiology in India 2026 – Who Are We Still Missing?	Chairs: Dr. Glory Alexander, Bengaluru Dr. Raman Gangakhedkar, Pune
9:05-9:20	Update and Outline of New Global AIDS Strategy	Mr. David Bridger, UNAIDS
9:20-9:35	How did Mumbai become India's AIDS Control Capital?	Mr. Sharad Ughade ,MDACS
9:35-10:00	Keynote: Last Mile Connectivity: How far are we from 95-95-95?	Dr. Rakesh Gupta, NACO
	Discussion	
10:10-11:20	More Than Just a Viral Load	Chairs: Dr. Vanita Gupta, Chandigarh Dr. Vijay Kundewad, MAHASACS
10:10-10:25	More than suppression: What CD4 and Viral Load really tell us	Dr. Rajiv Karthik, Vellore
10:25-10:40	Red Flags and Right Tests in Advanced HIV Disease	Dr. Prapti Gilada, Mumbai
10:40-11:00	Beyond Viral Suppression: When to Consider Tenofovir-Sparing ART	Dr. Atul Patel, Ahmedabad
	Discussion	
11:15-11:35	Tea Break	
11:35-12:15	Revisiting NNRTIs: The Doravirine Era	Moderator: Dr. N Kumarasamy, Chennai
11:35-11:55	Keynote: Doravirine: Added value in current ART basket	Dr. Cristina Mussini, Italy
11:55-12:15	Panel	Dr. Tristan Barber, UK Dr. Ishwar Gilada, Mumbai Dr. Atul Patel, Ahmedabad
12:15-13:00	Inaugural Ceremony	Hon.'ble Governor of Maharashtra (TBC) NACO, CTD, UNAIDS
13:00-13:50	Lunch	
13:50- 14:50	TB-HIV: Closing the Gaps in Care	Chairs: Dr. Girish Rajadhyaksha, Mumbai Dr. Udaykumar Jadhav, Aurangabad
13:50-14:10	Keynote: From Policy to Practice: Operationalising Integrated HIV-TB Care	Dr. Shobini Rajan, Central TB Division
14:10-14:25	New TB Drugs, Old Problems: Navigating MDR-TB in HIV	Dr. Trupti Gilada, Mumbai
14:25-14:45	Dawn of a New Era in TB prevention: Innovative Therapy and Vaccines	Dr. Kogje Naidoo, South Africa
	Discussion	

14:50-16:00	Redefining HIV Prevention in India	Chairs: NACO Dr. George Oommen, Mumbai Dr. Manoj Shevkani, Ahmedabad
14:50-15:10	PrEP in India: Evidence, Reality and the Road Ahead	Dr. Vinay Kulkarni, Pune
15:10-15:30	Symptoms, Syndromes and Surprises: Rethinking STI Diagnosis and Management	Dr. Ishwar Gilada, Mumbai
15:30-15:50	Digital Sexual Networks and HIV Risks: What Every Clinician Should Know	Dr. Jayakant Singh, Humsafar, Mumbai
	Discussion	
16:00- 16:15	Tea Break	
16:15-16:45	Debate All Stable Patients Can Be Safely Shifted from TLD to Two- Drug Maintenance	Dr. R. Sajithkumar, Kottayam Dr Anita Mathew, Mumbai
	For	Dr. Neha Mishra, Bengaluru Dr. Haripriya Challa, Hyderabad
	Against	Dr. Raman Gaikwad, Pune Dr. Vikrant Shah, Mumbai
16:45- 18:00	Micro-Enemies in HIV: When Infections Don't Read the Textbook	Chairs: Dr. Harsh Toshniwal, Ahmedabad Dr. Falguni Parikh, Mumbai
16:45-17:00	The Febrile Patient on ART: Thinking Beyond the Usual Suspects	Dr. Ayesha Sunawala, Mumbai
17:00-17:15	Cryptococcal meningitis: Old Pathogen, New Lessons	Dr. Bharat Purandare, Pune
17:15-17:30	Re-emerging viruses: Preparing for the Next Viral Challenge	Dr. Vasant Nagwekar, Mumbai
17:30-17:45	HIV and Transplantation: Breaking Old Myths	Dr. Subramanian Swaminathan, Chennai
	Discussion	
18:00- 18:45	The Great HIV Brain Teaser Quiz	Dr. Smrati Bajpai, Mumbai Dr. Wasim Khot, Mumbai
19:00-20:00	ASI Annual General Body Meeting	
20:00 onwards	Cultural Program with Dinner	

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Day - 2, Saturday, 07th March 2026

TIMING	TOPIC	FACULTY
8:00-9:10	Oral Abstract Session	Chairs: Dr. D J Borah, Guwahati Dr. Bharat Yalgi, Hubballi
09:10-10:30	ART in 2026 – Choosing Right, Switching Right	Chair: Dr S Nageswaramma, Guntur Dr. Dilip Mathai, Vellore
9:10-9:30	WHO ART Guidelines in 2026: What has changed and what matters clinically?	Dr. N Kumarasamy, Chennai
9:30-9:50	ART Updates from CROI 2026: What Should Change in Practice	Dr. Tristan Barber, UK
9:50-10:10	Clinical Impact of Rapid Viral Load Results: Powering HIV Treatment Response	Dr. Gwynn Stevens, Cepheid, South Africa
	Discussion	
10:20-10:50	DEBATE Long-acting ART: Promise and Pit-falls	Dr. Meka Sathyanarayan, Hyderabad Dr. Niranjana Rathod, Kolhapur
	Pros	Dr. Pooja Shah, Mumbai Dr. M V S Subbalaxmi, Hyderabad
	Cons	Dr. Ashwini Tayade, Nagpur Dr. Atul Gogia, Delhi
10:50-11:15	Tea Break/ Conference Photo	
11:15-12:15	HIV & Ageing – When Viral Control Is Not Enough	Chairs: Dr. Amar Pazare, Mumbai Dr. G Samaram, Vijaywada
11:15-11:30	Diabetes and Metabolic Syndrome in Patients on ART	Dr. Naval Chandra, Hyderabad
11:30-11:45	Neurocognitive Disorders in Virally Suppressed PLHIV	Dr. Ameet Dravid, Pune
11:45-12:05	Frailty and Accelerated Ageing: When Is 50 Actually 70?	Dr. Tristan Barber, UK
	Discussion	
12:15-13:35	Oncogenic Viruses	Chairs: Dr. Prakash Bora, Mumbai Dr. Diwakar Tejaswi, Patna
12:15-12:35	Infection associated cancer in immunocompromised patients –surveillance is the key	Prof. Christian Schulz, Germany
12:35-12:55	Opportunistic cancers in PLHIV: Anal, Cervical and HPV-related Cancers – Screening Beyond Guidelines	Dr. Franco Buonaguro, Italy
12:55-13:10	Treating Two Viruses at Once: HBV and HCV in HIV	Dr. S K Guha, Kolkata
13:10-13:25	Shingles Vaccination (GSK Talk)	Dr. Harshad Limaye, Mumbai
	Discussion	
13:35 – 14:25	Lunch Break (50 min)	
14.25 - 15.40	Next-Generation HIV Care	Chairs: Dr. Cristina Mussini, Italy Dr. S. N. Mothi, Mysore Dr Sachin Kore, Solapur
14:25-14:40	Keynote: HIV Vaccines, bNAbs and Cure – Hope vs Hype for Clinicians	Dr. Andrea Cossarizza, Italy
14:40-15:00	The Salutogenic Model of Health in Addressing Infectious Diseases	Dr. Vijay Yeldandi, Hyderabad
15:00-15:15	Digital health and AI	Dr. Dev Taneja, Navi Mumbai

15:15-15:30	Sexual Wellness Initiatives & Fast-Tracking Treatment: SWIFT Network	Dr V. Sam Prasad, Delhi
	Discussion	
15:40-15:55	Tea Break (20 Mins)	
15:55 -17:15	Interactive Clinical Discussion: Nightmare Cases from Real Practice	Chairs: Dr. R D Kharkar, Mumbai Dr Vijay Yeldandi, Hyderabad
15:55-16:10	Navigating Hepatotoxicity in HIV Care	Dr. Kavita Joshi, Mumbai
16:10-16:25	Mind the Kidney	Dr. Nitin Karnik, Mumbai
16:25-16:40	Untangling ART Failure in Real Life	Dr. Satish Rao, Mangalore
16:40-16:55	Lessor Known ADRs of ARVs	Dr. Priya Patil, Mumbai
16:55-17:10	Growing up with HIV: Adolescents Challenges in ART Era	Dr. Noella Pereira, Mumbai
	Discussion	
17:20-18:05	What is the menu for the next decade?	Moderators: Dr. Glory Alexander; Dr. Vijay Karanjkar, MDACS
15 min	Setting the Tone for the Decade to Follow	Dr. Glory Alexander, President-ASI
30 min	Rising NCD care Decriminalization, confidentiality, disclosure Stigma in healthcare, Self-testing Public-private partnership Funding uncertainty and sustainability	Panelists: NACO Dr. Pavan Duggal, Delhi Dr. Pooja Gori, Mumbai Mr. S Gururaja, Mysore Ms. Bindu Vora, Mumbai
18:05-18:30	Valedictory Function	
19:00 onwards	<i>Kabhi Alvida Na Kehna Evening & Dinner</i>	