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**Day- 1, Friday, 06th March 2026**

TIMING	TOPIC	FACULTY
9:00 – 9:05	Welcome Remarks and Scientific Program Outline	<b>Scientific Co-chairs:</b> 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?	<b>Chairs:</b> Dr. Glory Alexander, Bengaluru Dr. Raman Gangakhedkar, Pune
9:05-9:20	Update and Outline of New Global AIDS Strategy	Mr. David Bridger, UNAIDS (Virtual)
9:20-9:35	How did Mumbai become India's AIDS Control Capital?	Mr. Sharad Ughade ,MDACS
9:35-10:00	<b>Keynote:</b> Last Mile Connectivity: How far are we from 95-95-95?	Dr. Rakesh Gupta, NACO
	<b>Discussion</b>	
10:10-11:20	<b>More Than Just a Viral Load</b>	<b>Chairs:</b> Dr. Vanita Gupta, Chandigarh Dr. Vijay Kandewad, 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
	<b>Discussion</b>	
11:15-11:35	<b>Tea Break</b>	
11:35-12:15	<b>Revisiting NNRTIs: The Doravirine Era</b>	<b>Moderator: Dr. N Kumarasamy, Chennai</b>
11:35-11:55	<b>Keynote:</b> Doravirine: Added value in current ART basket	Dr. Cristina Mussini, Italy (Virtual)
11:55-12:15	Panel	Dr. Tristan Barber, UK Dr. Ishwar Gilada, Mumbai Dr. Atul Patel, Ahmedabad
12:15-13:00	<b>Inaugural Ceremony</b>	<b>Mr. Bhushan Gagrani, IAS</b> <b>Hon.'ble Municipal Commissioner, Mumbai</b> <b>NACO, CTD, MDACS, MSACS</b>
13:00-13:50	<b>Lunch</b>	
13:50- 14:50	<b>TB-HIV: Closing the Gaps in Care</b>	<b>Chairs:</b> Dr. Girish Rajadhyaksha, Mumbai Dr. Udaykumar Jadhav, Aurangabad
13:50-14:10	<b>Keynote:</b> From Policy to Practice: Operationalising Integrated HIV-TB Care	Dr. Vinay Garg, Central TB Division
14:10-14:25	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. Kogie Naidoo, South Africa

	<b>Discussion</b>	
<b>14:50-16:00</b>	<b>Redefining HIV Prevention in India</b>	<b>Chairs:</b> <b>Dr. George Oommen, Mumbai</b> <b>Dr. Manoj Shevkani, Ahmedabad</b>
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
	<b>Discussion</b>	
<b>16:00- 16:15</b>	<b>Tea Break</b>	
<b>16:15-16:45</b>	<b>Debate</b> <b>All Stable Patients Can Be Safely Shifted from TLD to Two- Drug Maintenance</b>	<b>Dr. R. Sajithkumar, Kottayam</b> <b>Dr. Anita Mathew, Mumbai</b>
	For	Dr. Neha Mishra, Bengaluru Dr. Haripriya Challa, Hyderabad
	Against	Dr. Raman Gaikwad, Pune Dr. Vikrant Shah, Mumbai
<b>16:45- 18:00</b>	<b>Micro-Enemies in HIV: When Infections Don't Read the Textbook</b>	<b>Chairs:</b> <b>Dr. Harsh Toshniwal, Ahmedabad</b> <b>Dr. Falguni Parikh, Mumbai</b>
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
	<b>Discussion</b>	
<b>18:00- 18:45</b>	<b>The Great HIV Brain Teaser Quiz</b>	<b>Dr. Smrati Bajpai, Mumbai</b> <b>Dr. Wasim Khot, Mumbai</b>
<b>19:00-20:00</b>	<b>ASI Annual General Body Meeting</b>	
<b>20:00 onwards</b>	<b>Cultural Program with Dinner</b>	

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**Day - 2, Saturday, 07th March 2026**

TIMING	TOPIC	FACULTY
8:00-9:10	<b>Abstract Paper Session (1-6)</b>	<b>Chairs:</b> Dr. Bharat Yalagi, Hubballi Dr. Vijay Mandora, Pune
<b>Oral Paper 1</b>	Progress Towards UNAIDS 95-95-95 Targets Among People Living with HIV (PLHIV): A Longitudinal Analysis from Uttarakhand, India (2020-2025)	Dr. Aditya Seth
<b>Oral Paper 2</b>	Rapid Emergence of Pan-INSTI, Multi-Class Resistance in a Treatment Experienced Patient - A case for cautious salvage therapy in resource-limited government facility	Dr. Sreejith Sreekumar
<b>Oral Paper 3</b>	Determinants of an elevated AST to Platelet Ratio Index (APRI) and Fibrosis-4 score in PLHIV on stable anti-retroviral treatment: A cross-sectional descriptive study	Dr. Ritvik Jain
<b>Oral Paper 4</b>	Prevalence of Cryptococcal Antigenemia in Advanced HIV: A Retrospective Study from Mumbai	Ms. Sabina Chougale
<b>Oral Paper 5</b>	Recurrent Tuberculosis and Mortality Among People Living with HIV in a High-Burden Setting in India: A Cohort Study from Andhra Pradesh	Dr. JayaKrishna Kurada
<b>Oral Paper 6</b>	Clinical Profile and Pattern of Dyslipidaemia in HIV Patients Receiving Antiretroviral Therapy: A Prospective Observational Study	Dr. Yash Wagh
09:10-10:30	<b>ART in 2026 – Choosing Right, Switching Right</b>	<b>Chair:</b> 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 (Virtual)
9:50-10:10	Clinical Impact of Rapid Viral Load Results: Powering HIV Treatment Response	Dr. Gwynn Stevens, Cepheid, South Africa
	<b>Discussion</b>	
10:20-10:50	<b>DEBATE</b> <b>Long-acting ART: Promise and Pit-falls</b>	<b>Dr. Meka Sathyanarayan, Hyderabad</b> <b>Dr. Niranjana Rathod, Kolhapur</b>
	<b>Pros</b>	Dr. Pooja Shah, Mumbai Dr. M V S Subbalaxmi, Hyderabad
	<b>Cons</b>	Dr. Ashwini Tayade, Nagpur Dr. Atul Gogia, Delhi
10:50-11:15	<b>Tea Break/ Conference Photo</b>	
11:15-12:15	<b>HIV &amp; Ageing – When Viral Control Is Not Enough</b>	<b>Chairs:</b> 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 Draid, Pune

11:45-12:05	Frailty and Accelerated Ageing: When Is 50 Actually 70? <b>Discussion</b>	Dr. Tristan Barber, UK (Virtual)
12:15-13:35	<b>Oncogenic Viruses</b>	<b>Chairs:</b> <b>Dr. Prakash Bora, Mumbai</b> <b>Dr. Diwakar Tejaswi, Patna</b>
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 (Virtual)
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) <b>Discussion</b>	Dr. Harshad Limaye, Mumbai
13:35 – 14:25	<b>Lunch Break (50 min)</b>	
14.25 - 15.40	<b>Next-Generation HIV Care</b>	<b>Chairs:</b> <b>Dr. S. N. Mothi, Mysore</b> <b>Dr Sachin Kore, Solapur</b>
14:25-14:40	<b>Keynote:</b> HIV Vaccines, bNAbs and Cure – Hope vs Hype for Clinicians	Dr. Andrea Cossarizza, Italy (Virtual)
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 <b>Discussion</b>	Dr V. Sam Prasad, Delhi
15:40-15:55	<b>Tea Break (20 Mins)</b>	
15:55 –17:15	<b>Interactive Clinical Discussion: Nightmare Cases from Real Practice</b>	<b>Chairs:</b> <b>Dr. R D Kharkar, Mumbai</b> <b>Dr Vijay Yeldandi, Hyderabad</b>
15:55-16:10	Navigating Hepatotoxicity in HIV Care	Dr. Kavita Joshi, Mumbai
16:10-16:25	Mind the Kidney	Dr. Niteen Karnik, Mumbai
16:25-16:40	Untangling ART Failure in Real Life	Dr. Satish Rao, Mangalore
16:40-16:55	Lesser Known ADRs of ARVs	Dr. Priya Patil, Mumbai
16:55-17:10	Growing up with HIV: Adolescents Challenges in ART Era <b>Discussion</b>	Dr. Noella Pereira, Mumbai
17:20-18:05	<b>What is the menu for the next decade?</b>	<b>Moderators: Dr. Glory Alexander;</b> <b>Dr. Vijay Karanjkar, MDACS</b>
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	<b>Panelists:</b> Dr. Pavan Duggal, Delhi Dr. Pooja Gori, Mumbai Mr. S Gururaja, Mysore Ms. Bindu Vora, Mumbai
18:05-18:30	<b>Valedictory Function</b>	
19:00 onwards	<b>Kabhi Alvida Na Kehna Evening &amp; Dinner</b>	