

IAPSMCON 2026 SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM SCHEDULE

DAY-1: FRIDAY, 27 FEBRUARY, 2026

HALL - DOME

TIME	SESSION	SPEAKER	CHAIRPERSONS
8:00AM- 09:00AM	Breakfast		
	Registration		
09:00AM -10:00AM	Harcharan Singh Oration	<p align="center">Maj. Gen. Prof (Dr.) Atul Kotwal President Elect IAPSM (2025-26) ICMR Chair Research, NEW DELHI</p>	<p align="center">Dr. Ashok Kumar Bhardwaj National President IAPSM</p> <p align="center">Dr. Manish Kumar Singh Secretary General IAPSM</p> <p align="center">Dr. R.C. Goyal Organizing Chairperson IAPSMCON 2026</p>
	Dhanwantari Oration	<p align="center">Dr. Madhu Gupta Professor Department of Community Medicine & School of Public Health PGIMER, Chandigarh</p>	<p align="center">Dr. Atul Kotwal President Elect IAPSM</p> <p align="center">Dr. Annarao Kulkarni Immediate Past President IAPSM</p> <p align="center">Dr. Darshan Mahyavanshi Organizing Secretary IAPSMCON 2026</p>

10:00AM -11:15AM	PLENARY-1		
Transforming India's Public Health System for Viksit Bharat 2047: Equity, Quality, and Digital Innovation across Levels of Care			
10:00AM -10:15AM	Initiatives for Equity under NHM	Dr. (Prof) Pragya Sharma Executive Director, National Health Systems Resource Centre (NHSRC), New Delhi	Dr. (Prof) Pragya Sharma Executive Director, National Health Systems Resource Centre (NHSRC), New Delhi Dr. Suneela Garg Chair, Programme Advisory Committee, MOHFW, India
10:15AM -10:30AM	Reimagining Secondary Care for Viksit Bharat 2047: Strengthening CHCs, FRUs and District Health Systems for a Future-Ready India	Dr. K Madan Gopal Advisor PHA, National Health Systems Resource Centre (NHSRC), New Delhi	
10:30AM -10:45AM	NQAS - Quality beyond numbers	Dr. RK Pathni Advisor QPS, National Health Systems Resource Centre (NHSRC), New Delhi	
10:45AM -11:00AM	Leveraging technology for service delivery in Mental Health - Tele MANAS (focusing on mental health)	Dr. Neha Dumka Advisor KMD, National Health Systems Resource Centre (NHSRC), New Delhi	
11:00AM -11:15AM	Information Technology Driven Primary Health Care - Vision 2047	Mr Abhishek Srivastava Advisor IT, National Health Systems Resource Centre (NHSRC), New Delhi	
11:15AM -1:30PM	INAUGURATION EVENT		
1:30 PM- 2:30 PM	LUNCH		

2:30 PM- 3:45 PM	PLENARY-2		
ONE HEALTH- One World- One Future: Towards Viksit Bharat @2047 for Healthier India			
2:30 PM- 2:40 PM	Pandemic Agreement and One Health	Dr. Gyanendra Gongal Senior Public Health Officer, Head of Unit, Environmental Determinants, Climate Change, and One Health Health Promotion, Disease Prevention & Control (HDC), WHO, South-East Asia	Dr. Elina Mukhametshina, MD Associate Director of Global Health Electives Program for AUC/RUSM Global Health Academy, USA
2:40 PM- 2:50 PM	Integrated Diseases Surveillance: A One Health Approach - From Principles to Action	Dr. Guru Rajesh Jammy Senior Health Specialist, World Bank	
2:50 PM- 3:00 PM	Surveillance System and Rapid Response across the country	Prof. Dr. Ranjan Das Director, NCDC, MoHFW, Govt. of India	
3:00 PM- 3:10 PM	Operationalising One Health Policy into Action: Experience from Maharashtra, India	Dr. BhagatSing Kadam Assistant Commissioner, Animal Husbandry Government of Maharashtra	
3:00 PM- 3:20 PM	Operationalising One Health Policy into Action: Experience from Gujarat, India	Dr. A. M. Kadri Executive Director, SHSRC-G, Health & Family Welfare Department, Govt. of Gujarat	
3:20 PM- 3:30 PM	Strengthening One Health Capacity: Models for Developing Future Pandemic Workforce	Dr. S. Yasobant Asst. Professor, IIPHG Lead, OHNI & Co-lead COHERD	
3:30 PM- 3:45 PM	Open Discussion		
3:45PM- 4:00PM	Key Note Address Path to Viksit Bharat: A Health Perspective	Dr. Suneela Garg Chair, Programme Advisory Committee, MOHFW, India	Dr. Pradeep Kumar Professor, Public Health IIPH Gandhinagar, Gujarat

4:00PM- 5:00PM	PLENARY-3	
	Immunization at a crossroads: Building resilient systems for the Life-Course	
4:00PM- 4:05PM	Introduction and session overview	Dr. Arvind Mathur WHO Representative to Timor-Leste
Context Setting		
4:05PM- 4:25PM	From childhood to life course immunization	Dr Sigrun Roesel Former Technical Officer World Health Organization
	Immunization in Pandemics: Speed and Equity Matter	Dr Vikas Agrawal Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI), Norway
	Modern challenges in immunization	Dr Asish Satapathy Deputy Team Lead NPSN WHO
	Role of trust and evidence in transition	Dr. Harivansh Chopra Professor LLRM Medical College, Meerut
4:25PM- 4:40PM	Round 1: Questions to all panellists	
4:40PM- 4:55PM	Round 2: Questions to all panellists	
4:55PM- 5:00PM	Key takeaways	Dr. Arvind Mathur WHO Representative to Timor-Leste
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	IAPSM PG Quiz: Preliminary Round (Dome)	
5:00 PM ONWARDS	DEPARTURE FOR SCENIC VISIT & GALA DINNER AT DAMAN FORT BEACH	

DAY-2: SATURDAY, 28 FEBRUARY, 2026

HALL - DOME

TIME	SESSION	SPEAKER	CHAIRPERSONS
09:00AM -9:45AM	Ninad oration	Dr. Pramod B. Verma Additional Project Director, Gujarat State AIDS Control Society Former Professor & Head, GMERS Medical College, Gandhinagar	Dr. Chandresh Pandya President IAPSM Gujarat Chapter Dr. A. Bhagyalaxmi Vice President IAPSM Gujarat Chapter
	Param oration	Dr. R. Rajesh Group Head, Medical and OH Services Reliance Industries Limited	Dr. Anish Sinha Vice President IAPSM Gujarat Chapter Dr. Atulkumar V Trivedi Secretary IAPSM Gujarat Chapter
9:45AM- 10:05 AM	Expert Insights Session		
	What gets measured gets managed: the context of mental health program in India	Dr. Girish Nagaraja Rao Professor of Epidemiology Centre for Public Health National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS) Bangalore	Dr. Chandramani Singh Director Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Institute of Medical Sciences, Lucknow, UP
10:05AM- 10:30 AM	Expert Insights Session		
	Success story of multiple eliminations in Timor Leste: Lessons for the Region and beyond	Dr. Arvind Mathur WHO Representative to Timor-Leste	Dr. B. S. Garg Director Professor Director Dr Sushila Nayar School of Public Health, MG Institute of Medical Sciences, WARDHA

<p>10:30 AM- 11:30 AM</p>	<p>PLENARY-4</p>		
	<p>Panel discussion: From Evidence to Impact: Aligning Policy, Funding, and Community Action for Urban Health</p>		
	<p>Panel discussion: From Evidence to Action: Aligning Policy, Funding, and Community Action for Urban Health</p>	<p>Dr. Guru Rajesh Jammy Senior Health Specialist, World Bank</p>	<p>Dr. Abhay Gaidhane Director Research (Epidemiology) & Professor Community Medicine Datta Meghe Institute of Higher Education and Research Wardha</p> <p>Dr. Sunil Nayak Professor & Head GMERS Gotri, Gujarat</p>
<p>Dr. Deepak Saxena Director, IIPH Gandhinagar</p>			
<p>Dr. Gunjan Taneja Senior Program Officer, Health System Strengthening (HSS) Uttar Pradesh at the Gates Foundation India Country Office</p>			
<p>Dr Neeta Rao Senior Advisor</p>			
<p>Mr Paresh Parasnis (Moderator) Designation: CEO and Co-Founder, Samyak - Collective Good Foundation</p>			

11:30AM- 12:30PM	PLENARY-5		
	Climate change & Health		
11:30AM - 11:40 AM	Opening remarks by Chairperson		
11:40AM - 11:50 AM	Heat Action Plan: Experiences from Ahmedabad to Africa	Dr. Dileep Mavalankar Director, Indian Institute of Public Health (IIPH) - Gandhinagar, Gujarat	Dr. Bulat Ziganshin, MD, PhD Executive Director of Global Health, Christian J. Trefz Family Endowed Chair in Global Health Nuvance Global Health, USA.
11:50AM - 12:00 PM	Urban city Heat Resilient Plan: Experiences from Surat	Dr. Vikas Desai Technical Director Urban Health and Climate Resilience Centre of Excellence (UHCRCE)	
12:00PM - 12:10 PM	Heat mitigation strategies: Experiences from Field	Dr Anish Sinha Associate Professor & Registrar (I/c) IIPH- Gandhinagar, Gujarat	
12:10PM- 12:20PM	Health Resilient India: Experiences from Multi-stakeholder engagement	Dr Amitosh Gautam State Representative - Gujarat and Maharashtra NRDC India	
12:20PM- 12:30PM	Closing remarks and Q&A by chairperson		

12:30PM- 1:40PM	PLENARY-6		
Augmenting Organ Donation and Transplantation in India: Challenges and the Way Forward			
12:30PM- 12:50 PM	Augmenting Organ Donation and Transplantation in India: Challenges and the Way Forward	Dr. Anil Kumar Director, National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (NOTTO), Dte. General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Govt of India	Dr Akash Shukla Director., ROTTO West Dr. N Gopalakrishnan Director, ROTTO South Member Secretary TRANSTAN
12:50PM- 1:05PM	Establishing Kidney Transplant Programme in a hospital	Dr. Pranjal R Modi Vice Chancellor, Gujarat University of Transplantation Sciences Director, IKDRC-ITS Convener, SOTTO Gujarat, Ahmedabad	
1:05PM- 1:20 PM	Knowledge gaps amongst Health care workers on Brain stem death	Dr. Deepak Kumar Gupta Professor of Neurosurgery JPN Apex Trauma Centre AIIMS, New Delhi	
1:20PM- 1:30 PM	Organ Donation & Transplantation; A social medicine lens.	Dr. Sanjay Nagral Senior Consultant & Director Dept. of Surgical Gastroenterology Jaslok Hospital & Research Centre, Mumbai	
1:30PM- 1:40 PM	Closing remarks and Q&A by chairperson		
1:40 PM- 2:30 PM	LUNCH		

2:30 PM- 3:30 PM	PLENARY-7		
Road Traffic Injuries: A Preventable Public Health Crisis			
2:30 PM- 2:40 PM	Reimagining Road Safety for Children and Adolescents: Evidence, Equity and Engagement.	Dr. Narayan Gaonkar Health and Nutrition Specialist UNICEF India	Dr. Hitesh Shah Professor & Head GMERS Valsad
2:40 PM- 2:50 PM			
2:50 PM- 3:05 PM	Road Safety as a Human Right: Reframing Road Traffic Injuries as a Public Health and Social Justice Priority	Dr. Vikash R. Keshri Associate Professor Jindal School of Public Health and Human Development JSPH O P Jindal Global University, Sonipat	
3:05 PM- 3:20PM	Role of IAPSM in Road Traffic Injury Prevention: Public Health Perspectives and Actions	Dr. Pradeep Kumar Professor, Public Health IIPH Gandhinagar, Gujarat	
3:20 PM- 3:30 PM	Closing remarks and Q&A by chairperson		
Expert Insights Session			
3:30 PM- 4:00 PM	Child Health in India-Building Foundation for Nation's Future through strategic Investment in Early Childhood Development	Dr. B. S. Garg Director Professor Dr Sushila Nayar School of Public Health, MG Institute of Medical Sciences, WARDHA	Dr. Ashok Kumar Bhardwaj National President IAPSM

4:00PM-4:45 PM	PLENARY-8		
Adult Immunisation in Dengue: Shifting Paradigms in Dengue Prevention			
4:00PM-4:03 PM	Welcome & Opening Remarks	Dr. Madhu Gupta Professor Department of Community Medicine & School of Public Health PGIMER, Chandigarh	Dr. R.C. Goyal Dean, NAMO Medical Education & Research Institute Organizing Chairperson Dr. Khan Aamir Maroof Director Professor UCMS AND GTB Hospital, Delhi
4:03PM-4:15PM	Keynote: Dengue Prevention: Evidence and Evolution	Dr. Puneet Kalra Senior Medical Leader and Therapy Area Lead - Vaccines Takeda Pharmaceuticals	
4:15PM-4:40PM	Expert Panel Discussion: Adult Immunisation in Dengue: Shifting Paradigms in Dengue Prevention	Moderator: Dr. Madhu Gupta Panellists: Dr. R.C. Goyal Organizing Chairperson Dr. Khan Aamir Maroof Director Professor UCMS AND GTB Hospital, Delhi Dr. Puneet Kalra	
4:40PM-4:45PM	Vote of Thanks & Way Forward	Dr. Madhu Gupta Professor Department of Community Medicine & School of Public Health PGIMER, Chandigarh	
6 pm onwards	General body Meeting at Treat Resort, Silvassa		

PARALLEL SESSION (DAY-2: SATURDAY, 28 FEBRUARY, 2026)

HALL - AUDITORIUM, 5TH FLOOR, ACADEMIC BUILDING

TIME	SESSION	SPEAKER	CHAIRPERSONS
9:00AM -10:00AM	PLENARY-9		
	Learnings from Implementation of Nurse Practitioner in Midwifery Program: Strengthening Maternal Health Systems in India		
9:00AM -9:10AM	Opening & Framing of the session	Srinivas Seshadri Director- Strategy & Technology Aastrika Foundation, Bengaluru Karnataka	Prof. Rashmi Kundapur Additional Professor All India Institute of Medical Sciences Bibinagar Hyderabad Dr. Vartika Saxena Professor & Head AIIMS Rishikesh
9:10AM -9:20AM	State Implementation Experience: Telangana	Sheetal Samson Principal, Fernandez School of Nursing & NMTI Midwifery, Fernandez Foundation	
9:20AM -9:30AM	State Implementation Experience: Bihar	Nagappa VH Assistant Manager Program Quality, JHPIEGO	
9:30AM -9:40AM	State Implementation Experience: Karnataka	Srinivas Seshadri Director- Strategy & Technology Aastrika Foundation, Bengaluru Karnataka	
9:40AM -10:00AM	Moderated Q& A	Srinivas Seshadri Director- Strategy & Technology Aastrika Foundation, Bengaluru Karnataka	

10:00AM- 10:45 AM	PLENARY-10		
Keeping the pressure in check: community solutions for hypertension care			
10:00AM- 10:10AM	Public Health Strategies and Government-Led Initiatives for Hypertension Care in Gujarat	Dr. A. M. Kadri Executive Director, SHSRC-Gujarat. Govt of Gujarat	Maj. Gen. Prof (Dr.) Atul Kotwal President Elect IAPSM (2025-26) ICMR Chair Research, NEW DELHI Dr. Om Prakash Bera Regional Advisor, GHAI
10:10AM- 10:20AM	State-Level Initiatives of the Government of Uttarakhand for Strengthening Hypertension Prevention and Control	Dr. Pradeep Aggarwal Additional Professor, Dept. of CMFM, AIIMS Rishikesh	
10:20AM- 10:30 AM	ICMR's Role in Generating Evidence for Strengthening Hypertension Care and Control in India	Dr. Pankaj Bhardwaj Director National Institute for Implementation Research on Non-Communicable Diseases Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)	
10:30AM- 10:40 AM	Innovations in hypertension care and control	Dr. Syed Imran Farooq Country Director, Resolve to Save Lives, India	
10:40AM- 10:45 AM	Moderator and vote of thanks	Dr Krupal Joshi Associate Dean (Research) AIIMS Rajkot	

10:45AM-11:30AM	PLENARY-11		
	Mortality Information Systems for Viksit Bharat		
10:45AM-10:50AM	Opening remarks on vision of strengthening mortality information system in India	<p>Dr. Anand Krishnan Professor, AIIMS, New Delhi</p> <p>Dr. Tulika Goswami Mahanta Professor Assam Medical College, Dibrugarh</p>	<p>Dr. Anand Krishnan Professor, AIIMS, New Delhi</p> <p>Dr. Tulika Goswami Mahanta Professor Assam Medical College, Dibrugarh</p>
10:50AM-10:57AM	Conducting Verbal Autopsy (VA) through Health System - Opportunities and Challenges	<p>Dr. Rakesh Kumar Additional Professor, Centre for Community Medicine, AIIMS New Delhi</p>	
10:57AM-11:04AM	Conducting VA through Medical colleges and HDSS sites - MICODE	<p>Dr. Harshal R Salve Additional Professor, Centre for Community Medicine, AIIMS New Delhi</p>	
11:04AM-11:11AM	Digital & AI Solutions for VA-based systems	<p>Dr. Anand Krishnan Professor, AIIMS, New Delhi</p>	
11:11AM-11:30AM	Panel discussion- Research and Capacity Building Agenda to strengthen Mortality Information System in India	<p>Moderated by Chairs Panellist:</p> <p>Dr. Arun Kokane Professor AIIMS Bhopal</p> <p>Dr. Dewesh Kumar Additional Professor, RIMS Ranchi</p> <p>Dr. Subrata Baidya Professor, Agartala Government Medical College, Tripura</p> <p>Dr. Binod Patro Professor, Dept. of Community Medicine and Family Medicine, AIIMS Bhubaneswar</p> <p>Dr. Akhil Goel Additional Professor, Community Medicine and Family Medicine, AIIMS Jodhpur</p>	

11:30AM-12:00 PM	PLENARY-12	
	Myths and Facts about Cervical Cancer	
	Myths and Facts about Cervical Cancer	Dr. Aditi Nadkarni Consultant, Gynecologist 21 st Century Hospital, Vapi, Gujarat
		Dr. Narayan Gaonkar Health and Nutrition Specialist UNICEF India
12:00 PM- 1:00 PM	PLENARY-13	
	From Classrooms to Communities: Strengthening the Role of Medical Colleges and Community Medicine Departments in India's TB Elimination Mission	
	Panel discussion From Classrooms to Communities: Strengthening the Role of Medical Colleges and Community Medicine Departments in India's TB Elimination Mission	Dr Sanjay K Mattoo Joint Commissioner, Central TRB Division, MoHFW Dr. A.K. Bharadwaj President, IAPSM NTF Chair Dr Anil J Purty NTF Vice Chair Dr. Bhupendra Tripathi Deputy Director, Infectious Diseases and Vaccine Delivery Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, New Delhi Dr Atul Kotwal President Elect IAPSM Dr Manish Singh Secretary General IAPSM Dr Mrigen Deka (Moderator) National Consultant, GoI-WHO TB TSN NTEP
1:30 PM- 2:30 PM	LUNCH	

2:30 PM- 3:00 PM	PLENARY-14		
	Healthy Ageing for Indigenous Communities in India and Sweden: Cross-Cultural Learnings on Nutritious and Culturally Adequate Food Provision		
2:30 PM- 2:40PM	Applying CBPAR in Indigenous Research Community mapping • Co-learning cycles • Participatory tools • Mixed-method field realities	Dr Monalisha Sahu Associate Professor and Head, Department of Occupational Health, All India Institute of Hygiene & Public Health, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare	Dr. Yogesh Damodar Sabde Scientist G & Head ICMR- National Institute for Research in Environmental Health, Bhopal Dr. Sanjay Dixit Director Medical Education & Professor SAIMS and PGI Indore
2:40 PM- 2:48 PM	Decolonial Frameworks & Field Realities among Malpaharia PVTG Decolonial perspectives • Reflexivity • Ethical co-production • Community voice	Dr. Dewesh Kumar Additional Professor Dept. of Community Medicine, RIMS Ranchi	
2:48 PM- 2:55 PM	Baseline Insights from Jharkhand Arm (Malpaharia PVTG) Socio-demographics • Diet • Health indicators • Ageing & food adequacy	Dr. Anit Kujur Associate Professor Dept. of Community Medicine, RIMS Ranchi	
2:55 PM- 3:00 PM	Rapid Wrap & takeaways		
3:00PM- 3:30PM	Expert Insights Session		
	Deciphering the connect between health and economic development for Viksit Bharat	Dr. Sanjay Zodpey President, Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI) New Delhi	Prof. Dr. JK KOSAMBIYA Professor & Head Kiran Medical College Surat, Gujarat

3:30 PM- 4:15 PM	PLENARY-15			
Creating Enabling Health Research Ecosystems in India				
3:30 PM- 3:35 PM	Introduction and Context			
3:35 PM- 3:41 PM	Importance of Enabling Health Research Ecosystems in India	Dr. Nirupama AY Assistant Professor, Indian Institute of Public Health-Hyderabad PI, Project RIVO, Public Health Foundation of India	Dr. Quazi Syed Zahiruddin EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, Datta Meghe Institute of Higher Education and Research, Wardha Dr. Arun Sharma Director Professor & Head University College of Medical Sciences, New Delhi	
3:41 PM- 3:49 PM	Health Research Equity: Researcher Perspectives	Ms. Rovena Yazhini Research Associate, Consultant, Project RIVO Public Health Foundation of India		
3:49 PM- 3:56 PM	Bridging Data Analysis and Interpretation	Dr. Varun Agiwal Assistant Professor, Indian Institute of Public Health, Hyderabad Co- PI, Project RIVO, Public Health Foundation of India		
3:56 PM- 4:03 PM	Vaccination and Oncology Research: Evidence from Case Studies	Dr. Arijita Manna Research assistant, Consultant, Project RIVO Public Health Foundation of India		
4:03 PM- 4:09 PM	Rewards and Recognition in Health Research	Dr. Hotha Sai Srinivas Research Assistant, Consultant, Project RIVO Public Health Foundation of India		
4:09 PM- 4:13 PM	Discussion / Q&A			
4:13 PM- 4:15 PM	Closing remarks			

4:15 PM- 5:15PM	PLENARY-16		
	NCD Prevention and Control: Progress of targets and key initiatives		
4:15 PM- 4:30PM	Sustainable Development Goals and NCD targets: Progress and Challenges	<p style="text-align: center;">Prof Dr. J.S. Thakur Professor, Dept of Community Medicine and School of Public Health, PGIMER, Chandigarh President, World NCD Federation</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Prof J.S. Thakur Professor of Community Medicine PGIMER President, World NCD Federation</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Prof. ANIL JACOB PURTY Professor & Head Pondicherry Institute of Medical Sciences Research Pondicherry</p>
4:30 PM- 4:45PM	Occupational Health problems and Workplace NCD interventions in India	<p style="text-align: center;">Dr. Bhavesh Modi Director ICMR- National Institute of Occupational Health, Ahmedabad</p>	
4:45 PM- 5:00PM	CVD epidemic and "75/25" initiative under NP-NCD	<p style="text-align: center;">Dr Abhishek Kunwar National Professional Officer-Non-Communicable Diseases, World Health Organisation Country Office for India</p>	
5:00 PM- 5:15PM	Discussion		

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LECTURE THEATRE, 4TH FLOOR, ACADEMIC BUILDING

TIME	SESSION	SPEAKER	CHAIRPERSONS
9:00AM -9:30AM	PLENARY-17		
	Panel Discussion on “Role of Medical Institutions in Tobacco Control: Roadmap Ahead.”		
9:00AM -9:02AM	Welcome Address	Dr. Sonu Goel Director RCTC & Professor School of Public Health PGI Chandigarh	<p align="center">Prof. Ashok Bhardwaj President, IAPSM</p> <p align="center">Dr. Setu Sinha Additional Professor Indira Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences Patna</p>
9:02AM -9:04AM	Address by chairperson	Prof. Ashok Bhardwaj President, IAPSM	
9:04AM -9:10AM	Keynote address: Potential Role of Medical Institutions in Tobacco Control: Insights from AIIMS & the Medical Institutions Consortium	Dr. Sonu Goel Director RCTC & Professor School of Public Health PGI Chandigarh	
9:10AM -9:25AM	Panel Discussion: Role of Medical Institutions, Public Health Associations, and Development Partners in Tobacco Control: Current Gaps and Opportunities	Panellists: Prof. (Dr.) Pankaj Bhardwaj Director ICMR-NIIRNCD Jodhpur Prof. Manish Singh Secretary General, IAPSM Prof. Suneela Garg Director Professor & Head Department of Community Medicine, Ex- Sub Dean & Professor of Excellence, MAMC Prof. Bhavesh Modi Director & Scientist G ICMR – NIOH Department of Health Research, MoHFW, Govt of India, Ahmedabad	
9:25AM -9:27AM	Open discussion	Dr. Sonu Goel Director RCTC & Professor School of Public Health PGI Chandigarh	
9:27AM -9:30AM	Key messages & Way forward	Prof. Ashok Bhardwaj President, IAPSM	

9:30AM -10:00AM	PLENARY-18		
	HIV Surveillance in High-Risk Groups in India		
	Changing landscape of HIV : Molecular epidemiology for HIV surveillance	Dr Shailendra Sawleshwarkar Professor & Associate Dean International Faculty of Medicine and Health, UNSW Sydney	Prof. DR JK KOSAMBIYA Professor & Head Kiran Medical College Surat, Gujarat DR. BHARATKUMAR H. PATEL Professor & Head GMC Bhavnagar, Gujarat
		Dr. Pankaj Bhardwaj Director, ICMR-NIIRNCD, Jodhpur	
		Dr. Manoj Kumar Gupta Additional Professor, AIIMS Jodhpur	
	Dr. Akhil Goel Additional Professor, AIIMS Jodhpur		
10:00AM-10:45PM	PLENARY-19		
	IJCM-PREP: Peer Reviewer Empowerment Programme		
	IJCM-PREP: Peer Reviewer Empowerment Programme	Dr. Pankaj Bhardwaj Director, ICMR-NIIRNCD, Jodhpur	Dr. Pradeep Kumar Professor, Public Health IIPH Gandhinagar, Gujarat Dr. Shashwat Nagar Professor Dr. MK Shah Medical College and Research Centre, Ahmedabad
		Dr. Manoj Kumar Gupta Additional Professor, AIIMS Jodhpur	
Dr. Akhil Goel Additional Professor, AIIMS Jodhpur			
10:45AM-11:00PM	IJCM Editorial Board meeting		
11:00PM-1:30PM	IAPSM Postgraduate Quiz: Final Round		
1:30 PM- 2:30 PM	LUNCH		

2:30 PM- 3:00 PM	PLENARY-20		
	Panel Discussion on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS)		
	Panel Discussion on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS)	<p>Dr. Pankaj Bhardwaj Director ICMR-National Institute for Implementation Research on Non-Communicable Diseases, Jodhpur</p>	<p>Prof. Ashok Kumar Additional Medical Superintendent PGIMER Chandigarh</p> <p>Dr. Hari Shankar Joshi Director ICMR Gorakhpur</p>
		<p>Dr. Pradeep Aggarwal Additional Professor, Dept. of CMFM, AIIMS Rishikesh</p>	
		<p>Dr. Krupal Joshi Associate Professor, Dept. of CMFM, AIIMS Rajkot</p>	
		<p>Dr. Om Prakash Bera Regional Advisor, Asia, Global Health Advocacy Incubator (GHAI)</p>	
<p>Dr. Babita Kamlapurkar Deputy Chief Registrar, State Bureau of Health Intelligence and Vital Statistics Govt. of Maharashtra</p>			
<p>Dr. Manoj Kumar Gupta Additional Professor, AIIMS Jodhpur</p>			
3:00 PM- 3:30 PM	PLENARY-21		
	ECHO as tele mentoring model for Health System Strengthening		
ECHO as tele mentoring model for Health System Strengthening	<p>Dr. Sandeep Bhalla Vice president, ECHO India</p>	<p>Dr. Thomas Mathew Professor Kerala University of Health Sciences, Thiruvananthapuram</p> <p>Prof. DR. SENTHIL AMUDHAN Professor & Head of Epidemiology NIMHANS</p>	
3:30 PM- 5:00 PM	IAPSM IJCM Research Award		

DAY-3: SUNDAY, 1 MARCH 2026

HALL - DOME

TIME	SESSION	SPEAKER	CHAIRPERSONS
9:30AM -10:15AM	Expert Insights Session		
	Aarogya Swarajya: Why, What and How	Dr. Abhay Bang Director, SEARCH Gadchiroli, Maharashtra	Dr. A. M. Kadri Executive Director SHSRC-Gujarat. Govt of Gujarat
10:15AM -10:45AM	"What after M.D.?" An Opportunity to Practice Community Health.	Dr. Supriyalaxmi Totiger Deputy Director, Community Health Research SEARCH, Gadchiroli	Dr. H.S. Chauhan Professor & Head & Dean Department of Family Medicine & Public Health, Devdaha Medical College & Research Institute Nepal Prof. Dr. Nilesh C. Thakor Professor, GMERS Medical College, Gandhinagar
10:45AM -11:30AM	Opportunities in the International PhD Journey: An Interactive Session with International Experts		
	Professor Rebecca Ivers Professor of Public Health, Deputy Dean, Global Engagement and External Education Faculty of Medicine and Health UNSW Sydney, Australia Dr Shailendra Sawleshwarkar Professor & Associate Dean International Faculty of Medicine and Health, UNSW Sydney Dr. Bulat Ziganshin, MD, PhD Executive Director of Global Health Christian J. Trefz Family Endowed Chair in Global Health USA	Dr. Sanjay Zodpey President, Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI) New Delhi Dr. Bhavesh Modi Director ICMR- National Institute of Occupational Health, Ahmedabad Dr. S. Yasobant Asst. Professor, IIPHG Lead, OHNI & Co-lead COHERD	
12:30 PM onwards	Valedictory & Award distribution		

PARALLEL SESSION (DAY-3: SUNDAY, 1 MARCH 2026)**AUDITORIUM, 5TH FLOOR, ACADEMIC BUILDING**

TIME	SESSION	SPEAKER
9:00AM -10:00AM	EPI CRITIQUE COMPETITION	
10:00AM- 10:45AM	Saroj Jha Award Presentation	
10:45AM -11:30AM	Vijay Narain Memorial Award Presentation	
11:30AM -12:15PM	Pyare Lal Memorial Award Presentation	

PARALLEL SESSION (DAY-3: SUNDAY, 1 MARCH 2026)**HALL - LECTURE THEATRE-4, 4TH FLOOR, ACADEMIC BUILDING**

TIME	SESSION	SPEAKER
9:30AM- 10:15AM	Kalu Ram Memorial Award Presentation	
10:15AM -11:00AM	HM Patel Award Presentation	
11:00AM -12:15AM	IAPSM Best Practices- Field & Teaching	