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Hi Friends,

Greetings from the Editors desk.

7th Volume of 'Samvaad' is being published this year! Its true that time flies, and change is inevitable, we will soon see a new Editor!

For now, More News is Good News!

Congratulations to our young & dynamic, Vice President ASI, Dr. Pravin Suryawanshi. One of the youngest to become GC ASI Member, President MASI & now, President ASI!

I will begin with covering the most eventful, Annual Conference of MASI, MASICON 2024, more over as we had elections for a new EC this year.

Happy reading!

MASICON 2024:

Nashik Surgical Society hosted the 46th Annual Conference of Maharashtra State Chapter of ASI, MASICON 2024.

Held from 8th to 11th February, 2024, with this years theme of 'Learn Share Excel'. The arrangements were impeccable, and the venue was compact. Fitting everything together in one place.

I bring to you, the highlights of the meeting, pictorially.

Day One: 8th Feb. Thursday: CME

Lectures started in the morning with some of the

teachers/professionals in the field, talking on various topics of common interest.

Dr. Siddharth Dubhashi, GC Member and Dean, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Nagpur. Talking on 'Safe OR Necessity for every



Surgeon'.



Dr. Sameer Rege, Prof of Surgery, Seth GS Medical College & KEM Hospital. Spoke on: 'Para Oesophageal Hernia'

Inauguration:

In the presence of

President MASI, Dr. Sanjay Kolte, the Lamp of knowledge was lit, and CME was

officially inaugurated, in the presence of Dr. Subash Khanna from Guwahati, as Guest of Honour, VP MASI Dr. Ajay Punpale; MASI Sec. Dr. Sameer Rege, MASI Treasurer Dr.

Anjali Dawle, & MASICON Team with Dr. Pramod Shinde, Patron; Dr. Govind Kulkarni, Org. Chairman; Dr. Mahesh Malu, Org



Secretary; Dr. Nand Kishore Katore, EC MASI; & Dr. Sudhir Bhamare, Co-Org. Chairman.

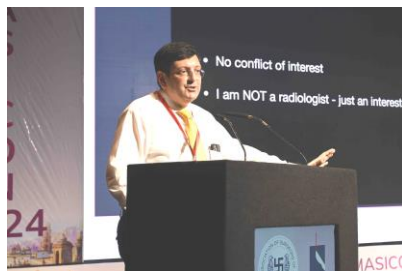
Dr. Sanjay Kolte, President MASI, delivered the Presidential Address: 'TAPP Surgeons have the last laugh!!',

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an interesting topic, about his tryst with fitness and difficulties. Felicitation: by Org Team of MASICON 2024 & His family. Post lunch session continued with some more guest lectures by eminent speakers.



Dr. Sudeep Shah on 'Reading CT Scan in Acute Abdomen.' A very relevant topic in surgical practice, especially in emergencies.



Dr. Sudhir Bhamre, 'Antibiotic Stewardship' another important topic due to irrational and rampant use of random antibiotics by everyone!

Use of higher antibiotics by Family Physicians / GP's are more and more seen in our practice, probably being pushed by the Pharma Companies, leading to resistance and a need to sit up and take cognizance of this ever-growing issue.

Master Class on 'Safe Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy' an all-time favourite, for all Lap and would be Lap Surgeons.



And who would be better than The Master himself! Presentations and discussion spearheaded by Dr. Abhay Dalvi, Dr. Jaisingh Shinde, Dr. Deepraj Bhandarkar, Dr. Pinky Thapar and Dr. Santosh Ravlani.

Another 'Master Class on Robotic Surgery' an upcoming and highly skilled 'branch' of General surgery, conducted by Dr. Raj Nagarkar, Dr. Suraj Pawar, Dr. Suprashant Kulkarni and Dr. Rajesh Saoji.

Infact, Masterclass of Safe Surgeries should be a permanent feature in all Scientific deliberations.

Day 2: 9th Feb. Friday: Operative Workshop by Nashik Surgical Society.

As always, Hall A showed mostly, Laparoscopic and Robotic Surgeries. Whereas, Hall B was dedicated to Open Surgeries. We also had considerable number of Endoscopic Procedures too.



Hall A



Hall B

Hall A demonstrated direct relay from the Medical College Operation Theatre, Lap cases such as Difficult Lap Chole, Ventral TAPP, IPOM Plus, Robotic Surgery, whereas, Hall B had a varied range from Inguinal Hernia repair to LASER Haemorrhoidectomy. All in all, a day long Operative bonanza, which allows us to clear our doubts from the experts. **Visual learning is so much better than Theoretical imagination for a Surgeon.**

Welcome Dinner: with traditional Marathi dance, music and singing, all in the open, and stunning Sula Wines, was magical.



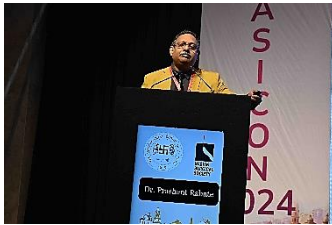
Patient's convenience and safety is our prime concern.



The star of the evening was none other than the Patron of the conference, Dr. Pramod Shinde. A Gazal exponent par excellence. With music, dance and dinner, the 2nd day at Nashik came to an end! So far, Team MASICON and Nashik Surgical Society have been the perfect host!

Day 3: 10th Feb.: Saturday: Conference begins!

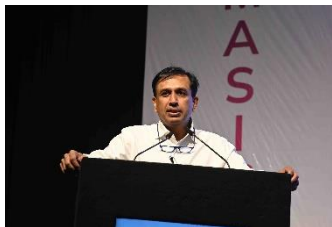
Halls A, B, C, simultaneously working to cover the wide range of Scientific topics! Parallel Halls were busy training PG's and going through Free Paper, Poster and Video presentation in large numbers. We will bring to you, a few of these 'Gems' as follows..



Dr. Prashant Rahate



Dr. J. B. Agarwal



Dr. Shailesh Shrikhande



Dr. Pravin Suryawanshi



Dr. Sachin Jamma



Dr. Mahesh Malu



Dr. Rajendra Shinde.

A Star-studded morning with topics ranging from basic surgical issues to most complex procedures, made simple by the experts from the field.

All the halls during this time were running full.

The afternoon saw the presentation of the Prestigious Dr. G. M. Phadke Memorial Oration, delivered by our own Dr. Roysuneel Patankar. The two Oration that MASI has to offer, are both,

traditionally selected from well known, senior Surgeons, who have made a difference to many who have followed them. They become natural teachers, mentors, guides, who you will want to emulate, as an upcoming surgeon. Infact, many senior surgeons too, are happy to hear them and appreciate their presentation. Dr. Roy Patankar, is one of them.

'Making of a Surgeon' an apt topic at a Surgical Conference!



Felicitating of The Dr. G. M. Phadke Orator, Dr. Roy Patankar, by Dr. Govind Kulkarni, Org. Chairman, MASICON 2024 and



Dr. Sanjay Kolte, President, MASI. And the Patankar Family!



The Orator with the MASICON 2024 Organising Team.

Inauguration:

The conference was inaugurated by Dr. Probal Neogi, President-ASI, Vice President-ASI Dr. Pravin Suryawanshi and Hon. Sec.-ASI Dr. Pratap Varute.

As it was the last term of the MASI Executive Committee and some of the GC members, everyone received Certificates and

Mementos from the President of ASI.



Welcome by the Parton, Dr. Pramod Shinde and President MASI Dr. Sanjay Kolte, speech.



Hon. Sec.-ASI Dr. Pratep Varute & President-ASI Dr. Prabol Neogi.



Dr. Pratap Varute & Dr. Roy Patankar, both GC-ASI Maharashtra

Then came the Members of MASI:



President, Dr. Sanjay Kolte. Past President, Dr. Rajendra Ganeriwal.



Lighting of the Lamp traditionally opens the Conference!

General Body Meeting:



Best City Academics: Thane Surgical Society.
Best City Social Activity: Nagpur Surgical Society.



Travelling Fellowship: Dr. Yogesh Takalkar & Dr. Jayanti Churiwala



Felicitation of Governing Council Members of ASI-Maharashtra: Dr. Siddharth Dubashi & Dr. Pravin Suryawanshi.



Past President, Dr. Rajendra Shinde, Vice President Dr. Ajay Pimpale.



Hon. Secretary-MASI Dr. Sameer Rege & Treasurer-MASI Dr. Anjali Dawle.



Dr. Mahesh Malu, Organising Sec of MASICON 2024, Felicitating President ASI Dr. Prabol Neogi.



With the National Anthem, the Inaugural Ceremony & GBM comes to an end. All the sitting EC Members of MASI were one by one Felicitated by the President ASI, in appreciation for all good work done by them over the years. Accept the Editor of Samvaad!

Gala Dinner-Banquet:

The Banquet area chosen for this grand event was fabulous! Will share a few pictures and you will see!



Lavish spread! Beautiful ambiance.



Allowing everyone to shake a leg, literally!



Once again, main entertainer was the Patron of the Conference himself! What more do you want? All work and no play make Jack a dull boy! So we were told!



Several such candid moments were captured!

Before we shift to the last day of the Conference, would like to mention here, that, there were 5 Halls running simultaneously. Two halls were dedicated to Hand-on training and Free Paper/Poster Presentation.

Hall C:



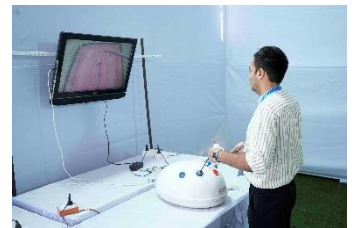
Dr. Satish Dharap speaking on: Decision Making in Penetrating Abdominal Trauma.

Dr. Sachin Naik on: Quality assurance in Upper GI endoscopy.



Dr. Pradeep Sharma: Laparo-Endoscopic Surgery.

He is the present President of ACRSI.



Other Halls: Robotic Simulator and Lap Endo trainer.



To the basics of Knotting and Suturing.



Free Poster and Paper Presentation have now increased exponentially, with every PG requiring to present and publish, the scientific platforms like CME's and Conferences, allows you to do so, only, you need to know how to!

With this, we came to an end of a very eventful Day!

Day 4: Sunday.

Academic deliberations continued. The last day of any Conference has its pitfalls, but, the dynamics of a Scientific program, saves the best for the last!



Dr. Probal Neogi, President-ASI and Chief Guest of the Conference, spoke on 'Complications in Laparoscopic Surgery'



Dr. Ajay Punpale, President-MASI, spoke on: 'Complete Mesocolic excision in right Colonic Cancer.'

And many more stalwarts in all the different Halls.

Dr. K. C. Gharpure Oration:

The other prestigious and coveted Oration of MASI.

For MASICON 2024, this Oration was delivered by Dr. Ramesh Patil, who spoke on: 'Light at the end of Tunnel'.



Dr. Ramesh Patil & Family, Felicitated by Principal Office bearers and Team MASICON 2024.

Post lunch session saw the 10 best Paper Presentation in Hall A:



There were more than 500 submissions for Paper/Poster/Video presentation this year. Eminent judges presented the winners as follows:

The winners for best videos were: 1. Dr Apporva Pawar, 2. Dr Saloni Cheda, 3. Dr Yash Jain.

The winners for best papers were 1. Dr Channavar P, 2. Dr Asma Khalife, 3. Dr Vivek Salvi.

Congratulations to everyone!

Valedictory Function:

Prize distribution and Installation of the New MASI team, are the highlights of this function.



Dr. Sanjay Kolte, President-MASI seen distributing Certificates with Dr. Ajay Punpale, Vice President-MASI, Dr. Sameer Rege, Hon. Sec.-MASI, & Dr. Anjali Dawle, Treasurer-MASI.

Change of Guard:



Dr. Ajay Punpale receives the Presidential Collar from Dr. Sanjay Kolte.



Dr. Sachin Naik takes over from Dr. Sameer Rege as Hon. Secretary MASI.



Team MASICON 2024 with the new President-MASI.



Team MASICON 2024 with ASI & MASI Principal Office bearers.



Team MASICON 2024 with MASI EC.



Team MASICON 2024. Three cheers to Nashik Surgical Society!

Hip, Hip, Hurray! Over 1500 registrations, fabulous arrangements, and superb hospitality.

MASICON 2025:

6th – 9th Feb. 2025, Kolhapur.

Link: <https://masicon2025.com>

Theme: Explore, Excel, Empower.

MASI Executive Committee 2024-27:

President: Dr. Ajay Punpale.
 Vice President: Dr. Mahesh Malu.
 Immed Past President: Dr. Sanjay Kolte.
 Hon. Secretary: Dr. Sachin Naik.
 Treasurer: Dr. Sanjay Ghate.

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 Thane: Dr. Anil Heroor.
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 Ch. Shambaji Nagar: Dr. Nikhil Chauhan.
 Latur: Dr. Deepak Gugale.
 Nashik: Dr. Nandkishore Katore.
 Jalgaon: Dr. Snehal Fegade.
 Amravati: Dr. Rajendra Singh Arora.
 Yavatmal: Dr. Amol Deshpande.

Congratulations!!

For a stronger Maharashtra, we need more members. Please help more surgeons to become Life Members of ASI, by following:

[Member Application – The Association of Surgeons of India \(asiindia.org\)](https://asiindia.org)

Its never been so easy!

Samvaad, The Voice of Surgeons of Maharashtra, has been my privilege to edit since the past 7 years. Its time for a change.

When I started editing the Newsletter, it was a sort of revival, and I took the liberty of making some changes. More news printed as it is. No formalities of Messages from the Office bearers. But, compilation takes time. From the time of collection of data, in the form of news, to formatting and publishing, is a process which requires time and devotion. Please be more co-operative with the future editors! And recognise their efforts.

Send in news to MASI Hon Secretary, in future.
 Long live MASI, Long live ASI!

- Naresh Row