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Dear Friends,

Festive season has started! Conferences and meeting are now being held all the year round, no more confined to a particular 'season' as earlier.

By the time you read this issue, ASI elections for President 2025, will be underway or over! I do hope you have casted your valuable vote and not ignored it!

In this issue, I will share with you, some details of CME's and Workshops held under the banner of MSS!

Happy reading.

30.03.2023: PG Training:

Department of Surgery, Terna Medical College, Navi Mumbai, and Mumbai Surgical Society, jointly conducted 4 workshops on: 'Basic Surgical Knotting and Suturing'.

Over 2 days (30th & 31st March, 2023) in Dept of General Surgery, during 'Revive 2023 Festival'.

Over 100 plus students participated in these 4 workshops from all over Navi Mumbai and even from Pune.

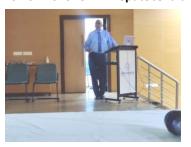
The program Director was **Prof. Dnyanesh Belekar**, HOD, Department of Surgery, THRC.





Kudos to Dr. Belekar for conducting this program year after year without fail!

01.04.2023: CME: Hepatocellular Carcinoma.



Department of Surgical
Gastroenterology, Seth GS
Medical College & KEM Hospital,
by **Dr. Chetan Kantharia**, HOD,
along with MSS, conducted a
day-long CME on Hepatocellular
Ca. Renowned speakers lectured
during the meeting.

Presence of Dr. R. D. Bapat along

with Dr. A. N. Supe and Dr. Abhay Dalvi with Dean Dr. Geeta Ravat, were prominent.





19.04.2023: World Liver Day:



A Zoom meet was held to celebrated the World Liver Day by inviting eminent speakers from both, medical as well as surgical side, to discuss the various aspect of liver diseases.



Chairpersons for this CME was **Dr. Niranjan Agarwal** and **Dr. Ramkrishna Prabhu**.

17.06.2023: Live Laser Operative Workshop & CME:

Department of General Surgery, Seth GS Medical College and KEM Hospital, along with Maharashtra State Chapter of ASI (MASI), MSS and TSS, held a CME at KEM Hospital, under the Chairmanship of **Dr. Varsha Kulkarni**, HOD, Gen. Surg. The Faculty were Dr. Roy Patankar, Dr. Niranjan Agarwal, Dr. Amol Gosavi, Dr, Nitish Jhawer, Dr. Ashish Dhadas and Dr. Parvez Sheikh.





20.06.2023: Mending Hands:

Mending Hands-A Surgical and Knotting Workshop for PG students at Terna Medical College, Ternal Multispeciality Hospital and Research Center on 20^{th} – 22nd June, 2023.

Conducted 2 Workshops on 'Basic Surgical Knotting and Suturing'. Total 60 plus students, interns all over Navi Mumbai attended the same and benefited.

Program Convener: **Dr. Dnyanesh Belekar**.



01.07.2023: Pancreatic Carcinoma:

On the occasion of 'Doctors Day', a CME was organised by Department of Surgical Gastroenterology, Seth GS Medical College & KEM Hospital, along with MSS, by **Dr. Chetan Kantharia**.

Guest Speaker included Dr. Mohan Joshi, Dr. Sudeep Shah, Dr. Shailesh Shrikhande, Dr. B. K. Smruti, Dr. Prasad Waghle, among others.





15.07.2023: Recent Advances in Surgery:

Department of Surgery, Sir Grant Medical College & J.J. Group of Hospital, with MSS, conducted a CME on Recent advances in General Surgery, with speakers delivering lectures on varied topics, ranging from Robotics, LASER, Virtual reality to AI in Surgery. Program was held under the guidance of **Dr. Ajay Bhandarwar**, HOD.





13.08.2023: Organ Donation:

A Social Awareness program conducted by MSS and Association of Medical Consultants, was held in Bombay Hospital, by **Dr. Rajesh Yadav**, President, MSS.

Mr. Dilip Vengsarkar-Cricketer, Mr. Rohitash Goud-Actor, were the Guests. Speakers spoke on the who and why of Organ Donation, Harvesting Organs, Transplant, legal issues among other topics.

Please send in details of activity undertaken by you, preferably, under the banner of MSS, for Publication. We need: 1) Name of the program, 2) Date & Venue, 3) Clear pics. Can be sent to my personal email: nareshrow@gmail.com as soon as you conduct the program. Feedback and suggestions are welcome.





19.08.2023: GBCON 2023:

A unique CME, all on Gall bladder diseases, was organised by the Department of Surgical Gastroenterology, LTMC & Sion Hospital, along with MSS & TSS.



Dr. Mohan Joshi, was Chief Patron, Dr. Sachin Bhojankar, Org. Chairman and Dr. Prashant R. Rao, Org. Secretary.

Video Lectures and Panel

Discussions from simple Lap Chole-Anatomy to Carcinoma Management, were discussed in this CME.



19.08.2023: Fistulacon 2023: CME & Workshop.

A National level program conducted by senior members of MSS along with Association of Colon & Rectal Surgeons of India (ACRSI), under the banner of Colo-Rectal foundation Trust, in Mumbai. It was attended by speakers and delegates from all over the country. The Chief Guest of the program was Dr. Sanjay Jain, President-ASI and Dr. Pratap Varute, Hon Sec.-ASI.

A two-day Conference, with lectures and panel discussions on Day One, followed by Workshop on Day two.





Stalwarts like Dr. C. Palanivelu, Dr. Ravi Wankherkar, Dr. Shiva Mishra, Dr. Ashok Laddha, Dr. Chivate, Dr. A. N. Supe, Dr. Shivkumar Utture, Dr. Abhay Dalvi, Dr. Jayalal, Dr. Sanjay Kolte, Dr. Sameer Rege, Dr. Anjali Dawle, Dr. Kushal Mittal, were participants in this Conference.

Dr. Parvez Sheikh was the Convener, with Dr. Niranjan Agarwal and Dr. Roy Patankar as Co-Convener.

Elections for ASI Vice President (President 2025) us underway, online.

Link to Vote: https://asiindia.org/asi-election-2023

For the progress and betterment of ASI, it is very important that we select the right candidate. To do that, each and everyone of us have to cast our vote. Not only it is a must, it is your right to chose the right candidate with maximum majority. The strength of ASI lies in each of our vote!

Above Link for Voting for your Candidate!

ASICON 2023:

13th – 16th December, 2023, Visakhapatnam. 83rd Annual Conference of The Association of Surgeons of India.

www.asicon2023.com

Link for Conference Registration and other details.

Obituary:



Dr. Shantikumar Chivate, Surgeon, Teacher, Innovator, par excellence, passed on 1st Oct. 2023.

May his soul rest in peace.