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The Association of Cutaneous Surgeons of India - ACSI(I) - is the premier organization in the country devoted to the promotion and advancement of knowledge and skills in the field of surgical and aesthetic dermatology.

The aim of the association is to educate dermatologists, conduct conferences and workshops, promote research, and assist in public health education in the field of dermatologic surgery and thereby, improve the quality of cutaneous surgery training in the country. ACSI(I) has been in existence since 1999. Its roots, however, go back to the last quinquennium of the 20th century when it was formed by the merger of two national b

odies representing cutaneous surgeons in the country - the Association of Dermatologic Surgeons of India (ADSI) and the Indian Academy of Cutaneous Surgeons (IACS), established in 1995 and 1996 respectively.

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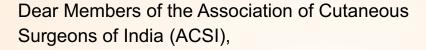
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- Dr. Dinesh Kumar Devaraj (2019-21)
- Dr. Manas Ranjan Puhan (2021-23)
- Dr. Pradeep Kumari (2023-2025)



# President Message





As we approach the close of another successful year, it is my privilege as your President to provide an update on the progress and milestones ACS(I) has achieved over the past year. Under the collaborative leadership of our dedicated team, we have witnessed significant growth and innovation in our association.

This year, ACSI has successfully organized a series of workshops, webinars, and conferences that have garnered participation from dermatologists across the nation. Our Interventional Regenerative Dermatology Workshop in Calicut and the Dermatosurgery Focus Forum in Surat are just a few examples of the high-quality educational events we have hosted, offering hands-on training and cutting-edge knowledge to our members.

The Journal of Cutaneous and Aesthetic Surgery (JCAS) has continued to thrive under the editorial leadership of Dr. Sandeep Arora, providing a platform for groundbreaking research and clinical advancements in our field. Our financial stability remains strong, thanks to the diligent management by our Treasurer, Dr. Nitin Barde.



Our Vice Presidents, Dr. Jagadish Sakhiya and Dr. Shehnaz Arsiwala, have played instrumental roles in expanding our outreach and ensuring that our association continues to meet the diverse needs of our members. The joint efforts of our Joint Secretaries, Dr. Yogesh Bhingradia and Dr. Sriharsha T, have been pivotal in streamlining our operations and enhancing member engagement.

I would also like to acknowledge the contributions of our Immediate Past President, Dr. Shyamanta Barua, whose guidance has been invaluable in shaping our current trajectory. Furthermore, our ACS(I) Academy Chairpersons, Dr. BS Chandrashekhar and Dr. Biju Vasudevan, have been central in elevating the educational standards within our association.

As we look forward to the coming year, I am confident that ACS(I) will continue to set new benchmarks in the field of cutaneous surgery.

Together, we will strive to achieve excellence and make a lasting impact on the dermatology community.

Thank you for your unwavering support and dedication.

Warm regards,

Dr. T. Salim

President, Association of Cutaneous Surgeons of India (ACSI)



# Secretary General Message



Dear ACS(I) members,

Greetings from ACS(I) secretariat.

I am pleased to present to you the latest issue of the newsletter of the Association of Cutaneous Surgeons of India—ACSIPEN-2024. It is with great honor that I step into the role of Secretary of ACS(I) and the editor of ACSIPEN-2024. I wish to express my gratitude to my predecessor, Dr. Manas Puhan, whose dedicated work has set a high standard that I aim to uphold. The current EC, led by President Dr. T. Salim and Treasurer Dr. Nitin Barde, has been instrumental in ensuring the smooth functioning of our association.

This issue comes to you just ahead of the annual ACSICON 2024. It is with great enthusiasm that I invite you to the 22nd Annual Conference of the Association of Cutaneous Surgeons (I) from 30 August 2024 at Mahabalipuram. The conference, hosted by Dr. Selvam, in association with ACS(I), promises to be an exceptional event. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to Dr.D. Dinesh Kumar, Organizing Chairperson, and Dr. A. Selvam, Organizing Secretary, whose hard work and dedication have been pivotal in bringing this conference to fruition despite the challenges posed by the ongoing restrictions. Their efforts, combined with the support of the scientific team, are sure to make this a memorable conference with significant contributions to our field.



This edition of ACSIPEN is designed to inform and encourage members to actively participate in the upcoming conference. Additionally, it covers the recent activities and accomplishments within our association. I must take this opportunity to acknowledge Dr. Sandeep Arora for their exceptional work as Editor-in-Chief of JCAS, consistently delivering high-quality content. I also extend my appreciation to the ACS(I) Young Brigade Committee, which continue to excel in their initiatives, particularly in engaging younger dermatologists.

Lastly, I would like to thank all our members for their unwavering support in the various initiatives of ACS(I). Your continued participation is the backbone of our association's success, and I look forward to working with each of you to further our mission in the coming year.

Warm regards,

Dr. Pradeep Kumari
Secretary General, ACS(I)



# Secretary General's Report for the year 2023-24

## ACS(I) Membership

- August 2022-September 2024: 2352-2725 members
- 27 applications pending due to CPS issues, etc.
- PLM to LM conversion made easy
- Automatic payment return on rejecting application

### ACS(I) Observership Centres:

- Current 14 observership centers,
- 70 applicants, all allotted
- New applications for centers asked
- Application from candidates asked

The ACS(I) EC is working constantly for the betterment of the association. Various activities including Facebook live and Jugged in my skin competition carried out by the Millennial committee. Newsletter of ACS(I) Young Brigade committee is going to be released in AGBM. All awards have been evaluated by the academy and the certificates will be given during ACSICON 2024. The venue visit to Navi Mumbai is successful and details will be tabulated during AGBM. The official APP of ACS(I) has been launched during ACSICON 2022 for smooth transmission of information to the members and also easy handling of new member applications. The PLM to LM conversion request form is being placed on the website for smooth functioning.

Long live ACS(I)..



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# Association Of Cutaneous Surgeons (I)

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Note: 1 Corpus Fund

	FY 2023-24	FY 2022-23
Farticulars	Azsount	Amount
1. Opening Balance	20.22,040	20,22,040
Add: Current Year Additions	-	-
2. Closing Balance	20.22.040	20,22,040

Note: 2 Life Membership Fees

	FY 2023-24	FY 2022-23
Particulars	Amount	Amount
1. Opening Balance	29,91,728	29,91,728
Add Current Year Additions	4,01,692	-
2. Closing Balance	33,93,420	29,91,728

	FY 2029-24	PY 2022-23
Particulars	Amount	Amount
I. Surplus Opening Balance	3.25,30,510	
Less: Advance Tax Paid	12,00,000	
Less : TDS Receivables	15,10,286	
	2,98,20,224	
Add: Excess of Income over Expenditure	1,18,92,794	3,25,30,510
Less: Current year lax	13,79,045	
Less: Income Tax Previous Year	77,702	
2. Surplus Closing Balance	4,02,56,271	3,25,30,510

Note: 4 Dutles & taxes

Particulars	FY 2023-24	FY 2022-23
Particulars	Amount	Amount
GST l'ayable	8,68,687	3,50,479
IC21 @18.£		-14,400
CGST 9%		79,937
SGST 9%		79937
Tetal	3,68,687	4,95,953

Note: 5 Provisions

Particulars	FY 2023-24	FY 2021-23
	Amount	Amount
Accounting Charges Payable	1,52,750	22,500
Audit Fee Payable	15,000	88,500
TDS Payable	2,09,168	39,350
Provision for Taxation	13,79,045	23,86,980
Tettal	17,55,963	25,37,330

Schedule: 6 Sundry Creditors

Particul ass	FY 2023-24 Amount	FY 2022-23 Amount
		Vanoutiti
Wolters Kluwer	12,28,639	
Krufi Creation	1,92,845	
Derma India	7,000	
Gufic Biosciences Ltd	16,564	
Dr. Amir Reyaz		74,571
Dr.Nith Barde	38,661	1,31,920
Dr. Rizwan Huq		79,942
Linux Laboratories Pvt Ltd	14,250	
Vidarbha Dermatological Society(VDS)	70,31,352	
Total	85,29,511	2,86,433

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#### Schedule: 7 Short Term Advances

W (7 - )	FY 2023-24	, FY 2022-23
l'articulars	Amount	Amount
Abhinesh Conference	59,999 00	
ARISHASALA	10,800.00	
Intas Pharmaceuticals Pvt LTD	10,30,000.00	
Muhammed Nabil	70,798.82	
Total	11,71,598	

#### Schedule: 9 Fixed Deposits

Particulars	FY 2023-24	FY 2022-23
	Amount	Amount
I Auto Sweep With Kotak Bank	7,35,001	2,70,000
2. FD with Bank of India (5500)	3,40,113	5,31,387
Total	10.75.114	6.01.387

#### Schedule: 10 Sandry Debtors

9 (* )	FY 2023-24	FY 2022-23
Particulars .	Amount	Amount
PCA Laboratories	5,31,880	
Relyon	38,000	
Timpac Health Pvt LTd.	2,36,000	
lagan Selvam Photography	21,740	
National Decoration	35,564	
Yash Led Technology Pvt Ltd	24,151	
Stall income	7,632	
Total	8,92,457	

#### Schedule: 14 Loans & Advances

Particular,	FY 2023-24	FY 2022-13
	Amount	Amount
Eligible Input GST		1,25,059
Classic Citi Investmen: - Venue Advance		5,00,000.00
Goan Hotels	ta,00,00n	
Total	10,00,000	5,25,059

#### Schedule: 12 Other Current Assets

	FY 2023-24	FY 2022-33
Particulars	Amount	Amount
1. Accrued Interest from Kotak Mahindra Bank	39,442	63,917,42
2. Income tax refund		79,702.00
Total	39,442	1,41,619

#### Schedule: 13 Cash at Bank

	FY 2023-24	FY 2022-23
Particulars	Amount	Amount
1. Indus Ind Bank	2,24,16,228	5,58,86,731
2. HDFC Bank Ltd (Kerala)		3,79,585
3. KOTAK MAHINDRA BK-6112025276 (Pune Branch)	10,00,002	10,01,738
4. Union Bank ( Assam Brench)	2,77,033	6,35,183
4. Yes Bank	-	3,363
5. Kotsk Mahindra Bank (Nagpur)	2,10,77,293	15,23,199
6. Axis Benk (Kerala)	-	129
7 Kotak Mahindra 6149360531 (New)	55,43,189	
8.Kolak Bank 3771	29,84,251	
8 Kotak Mahindra Benk (Chennei)	11,58,681	
8 A Co Total	5,44,56,677	3,94,39,928

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#### Note 15: Sales Account

	FY 2023-24	FY 2022-23
Particulars	Amount	Amount
Seminar Charges Received Igst 18%	13,13,620	
Seminar Registration Charges Received (Local)	50.63,324	
STALL SOOKING (Igst Ross by PARTY)	88,25,071	5,38,30,052
Stall Bunking (Local)	2,56,22,211	-
Stall Booking (Other State)	65,30,066	
Stall Booking (RCM By Party)	32,00,000	
Wurkshop Receipt	2.54,000	
StallIneame	1,77,475	
Total	5,10,15,767	5,38,30,052

#### Note 16: Interest Income

	FY 2023-24	FY 2022-23
Particulars	Amount	Amount
1. Savings Bank Interest		
a. Industed Bank Limited	21,19,009	10,02,903
b. HDPC Bank	9,697	2,78,191
c. Axia Bank		129
e, Kutas Bank	4,11,583	32,554
l'otal .	25,40,289	13,13,777
2 FD Interest	55,152	1,57,957
r.Kotak Bank	8,726	4,41,945
b.Interest on sweep account	46,426	16,012
Total	23,95,441	17,71,734

#### Schedule: 17 Other Income

Paythoulars	FY 2073-24	FY 2022-23
Catholitans	Aznouzt	Amount
Royalty Received	7,87,020	
Publication of Research Article	1,78,888	
Award Amount Received	2,61.388	4,22,097
Total	12,27,296	4,22,097

#### Note IR Indirect expenses

	FY 2023-24	FY 2022-23
l'articulars	Amount	Amount
Accounting & GST Charges Expenses	3,03,750.00	79,745.00
Advertisement hispenser	53,000.00	
Attendant Services	1,23,000.00	
Audio Visual Hire Charges	12,07,590.00	18,70,546.00
Sank Charges	14,894.77	24,200.00
Consultancy & Professional Charges	1,70,000.00	1.12.500.00
Consumable Goods Expenses	1,31,851.00	
Cultural Program Expenses	1,60,000.00	
Interest on GST	26,010.00	
Interest on Late Deduction of TDS	48,214.00	
Membership fun	23,000.00	43,140.00
Office Rent Expenses	35,000.00	35,000.00
Petrol Expenses	33,190.00	21,000.00
Printing & Stationary	27,805.00	4,23,686.00
Refreshment Expenses	2,89,404.40	15,427.00
Staff Salary	65,720.00	7,13,000.00
Telephone & Moble Expenses	11,813.08	
Travelling Expenses	23.34.868.00	2,96,760.00
Vehide Hire Charges	59.712.00	
Website Development Expenses	4,56,200.00	25,000.00
Auditor Fees	46,500.00	.80,000.00
Kit Bay Expense	29,500.00	
Accumodation Expended SO	6,000.00	
Award and Palzy Cope Sate	1,90,000.00	20,000,00

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Contract expenses to VOS	71,74,849.68	
CC Most Expenses	12,32,333.81	60,16,562.00
Depreciation	22,400.00	14,000.00
Humorium Charges	60,000,00	
Magzine Printing	19,470.00	
Purchase of Journals	33 53,192.41	
Repairs and Maintenauce	41,600.00	
Assam Branch Expenses	3,58,149.90	
Software	2,19,600.00	
Workshop Expenses	4,10,239.87	
Food & Accomodation Expenses		2,24,99,846.00
Garments & garland Expenses		5.72,250.00
Rates and Taxes		1,73,175.00
Medical & Surgical Consumables		2,28,171.00
Entertainment Expenses		11,10,000.00
Office Expenses		12,418.00
Pandal Expenses		10,00,084.00
Payment to MDC		1,00,00,000.00
Postege Expenses		24,393.00
Photography Expenses		10,000.00
Annual Subscription		3,77,600.00
Prize and Mementos		12,96,914.00
Total	1.87,38,792	4,70,95,417

Schedule: 19 Conference Expenses

Particulars	FY 2023-24	FY 2022-23
1 distraints	Amount	Amount
Conference & Others Expenses	14.62.640	
Conference/Event & Exibition Expermes 5%	29,84,276	
Conference, Event & Exibition Expenses (Without Gst)	22,02,316	
Conference/Exhibition & Event Experies 18%	1,89,75,012	19.846 00
Conference & Exibition Charges 12%	70,000	
Total	2,56,94,244	19,846

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Assessment Year: 2024-25

Note 5 : Fixed Assets & Depreciation as per IT Act

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF ASSOCIATION OF CUTANEOUS SURGEONS, PUNE

#### Opinion Paragraph

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Association of Cutaneous Surgeons (India) which comprise the Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st March 2024, and the related Statement of Income and Expenditure, Statement of Receipts and payments for the year then ended 31st March 2024, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present a true and fair view of the financial position of the Association as of 31st March 2024, and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year ended in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in India of the State of Affairs of the Association, Profit/loss account and its Receipts & payments for the year ended 31st March 2024.

#### Basis for opinion Paragraph

We conducted our audit in accordance with the Standards on Auditing (SAs) issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Association in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in India, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our

#### Responsibility of Management for the Standalone Financial Statements.

1. The Managing Committee of ASCI is responsible for the preparation of these standalone financial statements that give a true and fair view of the financial position, financial performance, and cash flows of the Association in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in India, Including the accounting Standards specified by Institute of Chartered Accountants of India.

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- 2. This responsibility also includes maintenance of adequate accounting records in accordance with the provisions of the Act for safeguarding of the assets of the Association and for preventing and detecting frauds and other irregularities; selection and application of appropriate implementation and maintenance of accounting policies; making judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and design, implementation and maintenance of adequate internal financial controls, that were operating effectively for ensuring the accuracy and completeness of the accounting records, relevant to the preparation and presentation of the financial statement that give a true and fair view and are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.
- 3. In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.
- The Board of Managing Committee are also responsible for overseeing the Association's financial reporting process

#### Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Standards on Auditing will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Standards on Auditing, we exercise protessional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.
 Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances.

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- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Association's ability to continue as a going concern.

#### Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

As required by the relevant laws and regulations, we report that:

- We have sought and obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of our audit.
- In our opinion, proper books of account as required by law have been kept by the Association so far as it appears from our examination of those books.
- The Balance Sheet and Statement of Income and Expenditure dealt with by this report are in agreement with the books of account

For Vikas Oswal and Associates Chartered Accountants

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# Journal of Cutaneous and Aesthetic Surgery report

Dr. Sandeep Arora

**Editor in Chief** 

Journal of Cutaneous and Aesthetic Surgery

It is my second year leading the editorial team of the journal. The report should read many statistics to trumpet our achievements. However, it was a tough year, and some hard decisions were made for the journal's long term health.

We are in the final stages of transitioning to our new publishers,
Scientific Scholar, a switch which has taken almost a year since we were
given a final go ahead. Despite that, this year's two issues have been
published. I as EIC thank the President and his team for spearheading
this switch.

We look at exciting times ahead. Our peer review process has a much shorter time interval, and ahead of print articles are now being processed within 6 weeks after final acceptance. This should give our authors much respite from the delayed publishing issues we were faced with earlier. The journal is now being published in an online format with limited print copies only for institutional subscribers. We have a new cover design and along with our new association logo it reflects our journal's scope:

Aesthetics and Procedural Dermatology.



The journal has an H index of 23 and a Scimago journal ranking of 0.281 (2023) which has increased from 0.244 (2022), reflecting an overall improved citation potential.

I am assisted with an excellent team of associate editors Dr. Bikash Kar, Dr Swapnil Shah, Dr Gulhima Arora, Dr Savitha Somaiah, and Dr David Pudukadan and very dedicated assistant editors Dr. Saurabh Singh, Dr Balkrishna Nikam, Dr. Sanjeev Gupta, Dr. Manasa Jeanney, and Dr.

Sivasankari. Their support in 'catching up' with our editorial load has been immense.

On behalf of the editorial team, I am extremely thankful to the support extended by Dr. T Salim our ACS(I) president, Dr. Pradeep Kumari, Secretary General ACS(I) and Dr Nitin Barde (Treasurer) for allowing us to pursue that one goal we all have: 'Create new knowledge - publish the

best research'.





## ACS(I) AGBM 2023

6/10/2023, Friday, 5-7pm, Hotel Le Meridien, Nagpur

Annual General Body Meeting of Association of Cutaneous Surgeons (I).

Held on 6.10.23 and attended by EC members and 20 more ACS(I) life members.

(a) Welcome and opening address by president: Dr. Shyamanta Barua welcomed all attendees to the Annual General Body Meeting of the Association and gave an overview of the activities that were conducted over the last two years.

He then asked the Secretary General - Dr. Manas Ranjan Puhan - to give his Secretarial report.

## (b) Secretary General report by Dr Manas ranjan Puhan:

ACS(I) Membership

As of August 2023 we are having 2725 members and 400+ members have been added in the last year.

30 applications pending due to CPS issues, etc.

PLM to LM conversion has been made easy by the google form in the home page of the website. Now automatic payment return on rejecting one application has been done. Members can download their certificate anytime after login.

Academic Meetings, Dermoscopy workshop Banglore, Advanced acne and



acne scarring course, SCB zoom workshop, Vitiligo day Rourkela workshop and Scar workshop Nagpur were in the discussion list too.

The ACS(I) EC is working constantly for betterment of the association. Various activities including Facebook live and Jugged in my skin competition carried out by the Millennial committee. Newsletter of ACS(I) Young Brigade committee is going to be released in AGBM. Various comic strips have been published. All awards have been evaluated by the academy and the certificates will be given during ACSICON 2024. The prestigious ADQ-2023 programme conducted smoothly with the best 8 teams selected by the guiz masters. SUN pharma has agreed to sponsor the quiz program for this year. MOU signed for the guiz (ACDQ) with Canixa pharma for the next 5 years. Canixa will pay 4 Lakhs (Rs 400000/-) honorarium to ACS(I) every year. All expenditures including prelims, travel and accommodation of quiz masters and registration of all 8 teams for ACSICON by Canixa. The venue visit to Navi mumbai was successful and details will be tabulated during AGBM. The official APP of ACS(I) has been launched during ACSICON 2022 for smooth transmission of information to the members and also easy handling of new member applications. The PLM to LM conversion request form is being placed on the website for smooth functioning.



## (c) ACS(I) membership fee revision:

A committee of comprising of three past secretaries was formed to suggest membership fee revision as per AGBM mandate. The committee members were

- 1. Dr Manas Ranjan Puhan
- 2. Dr Dinesh D
- 3. Dr Manas Chatterjee

EC coordinator - Dr Shashi Kumar B M

The average income from conference, journal expenses and average new membership per year were considered. After elaborate discussion the following were suggested:

- 1. Membership fee can be increased to Rs. 10,000/- from existing Rs.6,000/-
- 2. 18% GST shall be applicable on the above fee.
- 3. Additional application processing fee shall be added on the above rates.
- 4. This shall be implemented from 1st April 2022.
- 5. 25% of the above fee shall be kept apart for JCAS.
- 6. Also, 20% of the conference surplus shall be given to the journal. This can be brought as a new proposal in the next AGBM.

## (d) ACS(I) Academy Report:

Chairman – Dr Swapnil Shah Convener – Dr Anal Jyoti Bordoloi ACS(I)

Observership Centers



- Covid backlog cleared
- Current 14 observership centers
- 74 applicants, all allotted
- New applications for centers asked: 5 new centers
- Application from candidates asked: 30 candidates were all allotted
- CPS issues were pending for a long time. Dr Shashikumar BM proposed to give them associate membership with no voting rights, seconded by Dr Manas Chatterjee.
- Dr Debjit kar proposed to start charging GST on membership fees and seconded by Dr Manas Ranjan Puhan.
- Fees for students for Observership were discussed in detail. Dr Swapnil Shah proposed for maintaining status quo and not to charge anything from students,

seconded by Dr Pradeep Kumari. Guidelines to be formed by the academy for Dr Mulekar oration and lifetime achievement awards.

 Secretary report and Academy report passed as proposed by Dr Shyamanta Barua and seconded by Dr Kaushik Lahiri.



Name of Doctors	City
Dr. Pradeep Kumari	Pune
Dr. Samkit Shah	Vapi
Dr. Pramjit Singh Walia	Mohali
Dr. Manas Puhan	Bhuvaneshwar
Dr. Rohit Bansal	Chandigarh

# New centres for ACS(I) observership request:

# (e) ACSICON 2024 Award winners list:

Sr No	Name of the award	Recipient
1.	Life time Achievement Award	Dr. Vinay Saraf
2.	Dr. PN Behl Oration	Dr. Maya Vedmurty
3.	Dr. Sanjeev Mulekar Oration	Dr. Sharad Mutalik
4.	Young Cutaneous surgeon award	Dr. Shilpa K
5.	Presidential Appreciation Award	Dr. Atula Gupta, Dr. Nandita Patel, Dr. Pooja Kanumuru, Dr. Fibin Thanveer, Dr. Sandeep Arora
6.	Best Dermatosurgery Thesis award	A comparative study of fractional CO2 laser with topical triamcinolone acetonide versus intralesional triamcinolone acetonide in treatment of alopecia areata
7.	Dr. N. Umashankar Best Video Presentation Award	Dr. Anand Manu



### (f) Treasurer report by Dr Debjit Kar:

ACSI(I) Audited Report F.Y.2022-23 consolidated balance sheet has been printed in ACSIPEN 2023 and circulated among members.

Everyone thanked Dr Salim and his team for the huge amount of surplus funds for the association from ACSICON 2022. All bank accounts to be transferred to Pune as proposed by Dr Shashikumar BM. All taxes have been paid on time.

The treasurer report passed as proposed by Dr Shashikumar BM and passed by Dr P Jagadish.

## (g) ACS(I) QUIZ committee report:

The ACS(I) quiz committee comprises following members: Chairperson: Dr Namitha Chathra Convenor: Dr Gaurav Dash Membership of ACS(I) compulsory for participation in the quiz. Quiz is meant for residents in training.

No restrictions on the number of teams from a college for the online screening, but not more than 2 per college for the prelims in Nagpur.

Online screening date was finalized as 03rd September, 2023. Online screening was conducted with the help of SUN Pharma technical team; the participants answered 30 questions in 20 minutes. Scoring was done by 10th, by the Quiz masters and shortlisted. The results were announced after approval of ACS(I) core committee. The final 8 teams were prepped about the pattern of the prelims and finals on 8th September.



### (h) ACSICON 2023 Report:

The 21st Annual Conference of the Association of Cutaneous Surgeons (I) took place from Oct 5 to 7th, 2023, at Nagpur. This event was hosted by the Malabar Dermatology Club (MDC) in collaboration with the Association of Cutaneous Surgeons (I). MDC is a dynamic group of dermatologists committed to spreading scientific knowledge among dermatology professionals.

The conference saw an impressive turnout, with over 1000 delegates and around 270 co-delegates in attendance. Esteemed dermatologists from across the country gathered to exchange knowledge, discuss the latest developments, and gain practical insights into dermatosurgical techniques and aesthetic procedures. A total of 14 workshops were conducted, offering comprehensive information on cutaneous surgery, aesthetics, and photography. Each session was followed by interactive panel discussions, providing delegates with the opportunity to learn from challenging cases in aesthetics and dermatosurgery.

Dr. Chander Grover delivered the prestigious PN Behl Oration. The ACS(I) Innovation award and Quiz were highly engaging for the participants. Renowned national and international faculty interacted with delegates and delivered enlightening lectures.

ACSICON 2023 was brimming with exciting events, offering ample opportunities for scientific debate as well as personal rejuvenation. The conference began on Thursday afternoon, continued through Friday and



Saturday, and concluded with a grand gala dinner on the final night. The social events were vibrant, featuring several cultural programs. The industry exhibition showcased state-of-the-art machines from leading companies and manufacturers, allowing attendees to explore cutting-edge innovations. Vidarbha Dermatological Society:\* It's noteworthy that all team members were proud members of the Vidarbha Dermatological Society, a testament to the dedication and unity within our community.

The success of this conference was a result of the dedication and hard work of the organizing committee, office bearers, faculty, sponsors, exhibitors, and all delegates involved.

Dr. Nitin Barde
Secretary, ACSICON 2023

## (i) ACSICON 2024 report by DR A Selvam:

ACSICON 2024 is

Organizing chairman-Dr. D Dinesh Kumar
Scientific chairman-Dr. Avitus John

Treasurer-Dr. Arunmozhi Varman

Secretary-Dr. A. Selvam

Venue: Hotel Four points by Sheraton, Mahabalipuram

Good day, everyone. I am pleased to share an update on the ongoing preparations for ACSICON 2024, the 22nt Annual Conference of Cutaneous Surgeons of India. We are committed to making this event an exceptional experience for all attendees, and significant progress has been made to ensure its success.



As we gear up for the conference, we are excited to welcome approximately 1000 delegates from across India and beyond. ACSICON 2024 is set to take place from the 30 August to 1 September, and we are carefully considering all aspects to ensure a smooth and memorable event.

The scientific workshops have garnered immense interest, with a comprehensive lineup covering the full spectrum of dermatosurgery and aesthetic workshops. These sessions will range from basic techniques like skin biopsies to more advanced procedures such as hair transplants, sclerotherapy, Botox, fillers, threads, and regenerative therapies including PRP and peels.

Our core team has been instrumental in driving these preparations forward. Dr. D. Dinesh Kumar serves as the Organizing Chairperson, while I have the privilege of acting as Secretary. The scientific program, which promises to enrich the knowledge and skills of our delegates, has been carefully curated by Dr. Avitus Johni, who has put in commendable effort alongside their team.

In conclusion, the preparations for ACSICON 2024 are progressing remarkably well, thanks to the unwavering dedication of our key team members and their respective teams. We are committed to delivering a conference that will facilitate knowledge sharing, skill development, and meaningful networking opportunities. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone involved in the planning and organization of this event, and we look forward to welcoming our delegates for what promises to be a truly memorable and enriching experience.

# (j) Proposals for AGBM 2024: 1: ACS(I) Certificate courses

During the AGBM (Annual General Body Meeting), several members proposed changes to the ACSI logo, which were eventually accepted. After thorough discussions, two logos were finalized. The discussion also touched upon



whether ACSI should be classified as a charitable society or a cooperative society.

In addition, Dr. Venkatraman Mysore and Dr. Manas Chatterjee suggested trademarking the ACSI name and its branches to protect the organization's identity and ensure consistency across all regions.

Dr. Firoz further elaborated on the meaning behind the finalized ACSI logo. He explained that the logo symbolizes trust and expertise, reflecting the organisation's commitment to professionalism and innovation. It also emphasizes precision and a modern approach to cutaneous surgery.

Dr. Somesh Gupta proposed changing the ACS(I) website's domain from .net to more suitable alternatives like .org, .in, or .co to better align with the organisation's identity and purpose.

Overall, these discussions during the AGBM have led to important decisions that will help shape the future of ACSI, strengthening its brand, legal standing, and online presence.

The previous web developer presented several challenges, particularly with the functionality of the website. One significant issue was the inability to send announcements, which hindered communication with members. The initial development cost was high, amounting to ₹ 3 lakhs.

Crucial support for the website comes from the Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC). With the previous developer, the AMC cost was ₹ 70,000, and the subscription fee was ₹ 80,000, totalling ₹ 1,50,000 annually. However, the new arrangement has reduced this cost to ₹ 1 lakh, making it more economical. Given the growing collaboration with many international associations, it has become essential to keep membership details up-to-date. However, it is equally



important to ensure that the membership numbers remain unchanged during this update process to maintain consistency and avoid confusion.

These improvements and cost adjustments are crucial for the effective management of the association's online presence and will help streamline operations while maintaining necessary support and functionality.

## (k) ACS(I) Election:

ACS(I) Election officer - Dr Sacchidanand ACSI returning officer - Dr Manas

Puhan ACS(I) Election observer - Dr Manas Chatterjee

President: Dr T Salim

Secretary: Dr Pradeep Kumari

Treasurer: Dr Nitin Barde

Vice President: Dr. Jagadish Sakhiya

Vice President: Dr Shehnaz Arsiwala

Joint Secretary: Dr Yogesh Bhingradia

Joint secretary: Dr T Sriharsha



All posts except both joint secretary posts were elected unopposed, as there was no multiple candidates for any post. Two joint secretary posts were vacant even after repeat notification. Nominations were asked from the floor and both were elected unopposed.

#### (h) ACSICON 2025 bidding form:

- 1. Name of Proposed City: Navi Mumbai
- 2. Name of bidding State: Maharashtra
- 3. Name of ACS (I) State representative in support of bid:
- 4. Proposed Organizing Chairman, LM No.: Dr Dipak Kulkarni MH/ACSI/995
- 5. Proposed Organizing Secretary, LM No.: Dr Manish Gautam MH/ACSI/2004
- 6. Proposed Scientific Chairperson, LM No.: Dr Jaishree Sharad MH/ACSI/403
- 7. Proposed Treasurer, LM No.: Dr Gautam Dethe MH/ACSI/1391
- 8. Proposed dates: 25-27 Sept or 02-04 Oct 2025
- Proposed venue with capacity in terms of halls and capacity in each hall:
   CIDCO Exhibition and Convention Centre, Vashi Navi Mumbai.

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Handing over charges to New EC: Presidential remarks by Dr T Salim:

Meeting adjourned with vote of thanks by new Secretary General Dr

Pradeep Kumari.



#### Minutes of Central council meeting 06/01/2024

- (a) Secretary's report
- 1. Workshops of Vizag and Nagercoil are well appreciated.
- 2. ACS(I) memberships total 2788, 778 are PLMs, 31 are pending
- Tech webinar and January 2nd was well attended with your viewership of 400 +
- Zoom meetings are held to discuss A) past editors of journal B) website administrators
- 5. Website is taken care by Dr. Yogesh Bhingradia
- Workshop coordinator is Dr Sriharsha
- 7. Logo competition there are 140 entries, 15 accepted, three shortlisted. Judges are Dr. Sharad Muttalik Dr. Kaushik Lahari and Dr. Anil Ganjoo. General Body Meeting has given the permission to change the logo.
- Dr. Sachidanand suggested to changing the name of the association which was not supported by anybody
- 9. Dr Manas Chatterjee suggested to include the name India in the name of association of cutaneous surgeons with the help of a lawyer. The proposal was accepted by Dr Venkatram Mysore and seconded by Dr Manas Chatterjee
- 10. Logo changes accepted and that same logo is liked by many proposed by Dr Venkatram Mysore and second it by Dr Dinesh
- 11. There is a discussion wether ACS(I) is a charitable society or a cooperative society and secretary made it clear that it is a cooperative society
- Trademarking of ACS(I) as a branding in Asia is suggested by Dr venkatram
   Mysore and second by Dr Manas Chatterjee
- 13. Dr. Feroz has explained the new logo of ACSI has trust and expertise, professionalism and innovation with precision and is modern
- 14. Dr. Somesh Gupta suggested to changing the website address from ACSInet.



to other available addresses are ACSI.ORG, ACSI.IN, ACSI.CO.IN.

- 15. Dr. Pradeep has explained the difficulties with a previous web developer and about the hidden charges. She also expressed that the announcements cannot be sent. The new web developer has a lot of experience in handling many international societies and there are no hidden charges. In the new website membership number will not change. Even if the member changes the state, only the state name will change but not the membership number. Name change can be done with the permission of the secretary.
- 16. Dr. Dinesh proposed a YouTube channel for ACSI but the link might propagate and go into the hands of QUACKS. Hosting the videos on websites is expensive, explained by Dr Pradeep. Auto delete option of videos is proposed by Dr. Salim.
- 17. Dr Salim wants to host the videos and websites directly so that the popularly of the website increases and the number of memberships will increase
- 18. Database of number of procedure done by all the dermatosurgeons was proposed by Dr. Swapnil Shah.
- 19. Asking for residential address of the members is useless and requesting for clinic address is more useful suggested by Dr Sachidanand.

### (b) Observerships:

- 1. Currently 72 students are yet to complete the observership
- 2. Dr Yogesh is taking care of observerships.



- 3. Dr Tajuddin Centre is trainingon-dermats. So this center is officially removed from ACS (I) observership centers.
- 4. Dr Salim and Dr Pradeep want to overhaul the system of observerships. Dr Salim has proposed entry and exit exams. Dr Venkatram Mysore has opined that the entry exam is okay but who will conduct the exit exam.
- 5. Dr Mysore has proposed A committee for observerships.
- Charging fee from the dermatologists for ACS (I) observerships was opposed by Dr Dhanraj
- Dr Salimhas said that SOPs for centers and SOPs for candidates will be ready by the next ACSICON.
- 8. The new website will try to bring down the communication gap between executive committee, students and observers and will bridge the gap
- Overhauling of the observership system was proposed by Nitin Jain and supported by Manas Ranjan Puhan.
- (c) Focus Forum Workshops:
  - 1. On 28 January, Manipal hosted a focus forum workshop.
  - 2. On March 31st, Dehradun hosted a focus forum workshop.
  - 3. On March 8th and 9th, Calicut hosted one focus forum workshop.
  - 4. February 1st week, Indore conducted one focus forum workshop.
  - There was a lot of positive feedback from the workshops that were held in Visakhapatnam and Nagercoil.



- (d) ACSI GURUKUL: Dr Salim has explained that ACS(I) Gurukul will be directly handled by EC whereas ACSICON is held by local organisers.
  - 1. No lectures
  - 2. Interactive sessions
  - 3. Expert moderators on cases
  - 4. Talk shows
  - 5. 6 hours video workshop
  - 6. Delegate cases
  - Grand conclave with 225 faculty and space with three moderators and multiple cases
- (e) SCAR CONFERENCE/CONCLAVE
- (f) PRACTICE MANAGEMENT SUMMIT for procedural dermatology by Dr.B.S Chandra Sekhar.
- (g) TEXTBOOK on practice management for procedural dermatology.



#### **Evolution of Dermatosurgery:**

The evolution of dermatosurgery in India is not just a reflection of technological advancements but also a testament to the increasing awareness and demand for skin health and aesthetic care. Traditionally, Indian dermatology focused heavily on managing infectious and inflammatory skin conditions, with limited emphasis on surgical interventions. However, as the global influence of cosmetic dermatology began to grow, so did the scope of dermatosurgery in India.

In the early 21st century, the integration of lasers and light-based therapies, such as CO2 lasers, erbium lasers, and intense pulsed light (IPL), revolutionized the management of conditions like acne scars, keloids, and pigmentary disorders. These technologies enabled Indian dermatologists to offer treatments that were not only effective but also tailored to the specific needs of Indian skin types, which are more prone to hyperpigmentation and scarring.

Training programs and fellowships in dermatosurgery began to proliferate, attracting young dermatologists keen on mastering both the science and art of skin surgery. The establishment of dedicated dermatosurgery units in major hospitals and clinics across the country further boosted the field, allowing for a more specialized approach to complex skin conditions.

Moreover, the rise of medical tourism in India has brought global attention to the country's expertise in dermatosurgery. Patients from around the world seek treatments for vitiligo, hair restoration, and cosmetic enhancements in India, drawn by the combination of skilled practitioners and cost-effective care.

In addition to cosmetic procedures, dermatosurgeons in India have been at the forefront of developing and refining techniques for skin cancer management, vitiligo grafting, and reconstructive surgery. The focus on research and



innovation has also led to the development of indigenous techniques and tools, making advanced dermatosurgical care more accessible to the broader population.

As the field continues to evolve, Indian dermatosurgeons are increasingly contributing to global dermatology literature, sharing their experiences and innovations with the world. This ongoing exchange of knowledge ensures that dermatosurgery in India remains dynamic, continually adapting to new challenges and opportunities in the ever-changing landscape of skin health and aesthetics.



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The Venkat Center for Advanced Skin,

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## ACS (I) Events compilation:

#### **FOCUS FORUM**

#### (A)Focus forum Nagarcoil:

Thank you all delegates from different parts of Kerala and Tamil Nadu for attending this workshop in spite of torrid weather. Your participation and support had made us extremely happy and we are ever grateful for your solidarity and academic thirst for excellence. Hope to meet you all soon. Thank you very much

Dr AjsPravin organising Secretary ACS(I) Workshop and HOD Dept DVL SMIMS









#### B) Focus forum Chandigarh:

Greetings, team.

Heartiest congratulations and thank you from ACS(I) EC to everyone involved in organizing yesterday's focus forum.

A smooth conduct definitely requires a lot of preparation, and as Dr Vivek mentioned, the Chandigarh team takes it upon itself to enjoy the process as well.

Thank you so much personally from me as well.

Thank you, Dr. Dogra, Dr. Vivek, Dr. Walia, Dr. Rohit.

Thank you to our dear faculty.

It is faculties' scientific strength that makes the program front face and helps make the program successful.

Also I take this moment to thank and appreciate the support of central executive members I got at all hours of the day Dr. Biju, Dr. Yogesh, Dr. Sriharsha, Dr. Barde.

Warm Regards,

Dr. Pradeep Kumari







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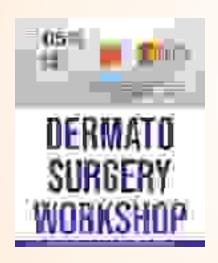
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### (B) Visakhapatnam Focus forum:

The workshop was meticulously crafted to provide delegates with comprehensive training in dermatosurgery, attracting over 100 candidates. With a focus on personalized learning, the event featured one-on-one interactions, allowing participants to engage directly with experts, refine their skills, and gain valuable insights into the latest techniques and best practices in the field.



### (C) Manipal Focus Forum:

A heartfelt thanks to Dr Jaishree, Dr Rajetha and Dr Meera for an exceptional aesthetic dermatology workshop focused on Botox, thread lifts, and fillers. We are truly grateful for the wealth of knowledge you shared, providing valuable insights that will undoubtedly shape our approach in this field. Your passion for teaching aesthetic dermatology is inspiring, and we feel privileged to have been a part of this enlightening experience. Thank you for your dedication and the lasting impact you've made on our understanding of these aesthetic procedures.



(E)Indore Focus forum: The workshop began with a breakfast and registration session at 8:00 am, followed by a welcome speech and an introduction by Dr. Kailash Bhatia. Dr. Nitin Barde then presented on instruments, suture materials, and suturing techniques in dermatosurgery. Dr. Pradeep Kumari discussed how to set up a dermatologist's OT, leading into a scar session covering subcision, Taylor's liberator, punch excision, and punch elevation. The official inauguration was held at 10:45 am, followed by a tea break. The next session focused on vitiligo surgery, with presentations on various techniques including non-cultured epidermal cell suspension, blister grafting, and punch grafting. After lunch, the workshop resumed with discussions on facial excisions, including mole excision, xanthelasma excision, and scar revision. The final sessions covered nail surgeries and emergencies in dermatologic surgery, with a coffee break for networking with experts. The event concluded with Dr. Nitin Jain addressing emergencies in dermatologic surgery.



(F) Calicut Focus forum: The Interventional Regenerative Dermatology Workshop held on April 21, 2024, at the Cutis Institute of Dermatology & Aesthetic Sciences in Calicut, featured a comprehensive scientific program. The event began with registration at 8:30 am, followed by introductory remarks from Dr. Geetha Gopalakrishnan. Key presentations included Dr. Gulhima Arora on the basics of regenerative medicine, Dr. Shuken Dashore on PRP nuances, and Dr. Yogesh Bhingradia on injectable PRF. The workshop also covered advanced topics like micrograft autologous transplant for androgenetic alopecia, adult multipotent cell harnessing, and the use of "Nanofat" in dermatology. Post-hunch sessions delved into exosomes in dermatology by Dr. Sriharsha and non-cultured trypsinized follicular cell suspension by Dr. Pradeep Kumari. The day concluded with a discussion forum moderated by Dr. Shuken Dashore and Dr. Gulhima Arora, and closing remarks by Dr. Fibin Thaneveer.



(F) Nashik Focus forum: By this time each one of the faculties must have reached home. Yesterday was a very fruitful day on the occasion of Gurupurnima! I thank each one of you for taking out time from your busy schedule. Thankyou Dr. Sushil traveled almost 8 hours by road and reached Nashik in time. It had been raining heavily in Mumbai since yesterday. Thankyou Dr. Nitin Jain coming with all your machines, students to help and making the workshop Lively. Sir, you pulled on the workshop with full energy. Dr. Nitin Barde coming all the way from Nagpur asking very apt questions A silent but strong pillar of ACS (I). The full attendance hall said it all.

We all felt like a family. Each one of the faculty was ready to answer any type of question. No hidden brands, no hidden secrets was the crux of our workshop. I again Thank each one of you. Thankyou Dr. Pradeep for giving Nashik an opportunity and imbibing faith in us.









(H)Surat Focus forum: Today, we conducted an interventional trichology conference-FOCUS FORUM in Kiran Hospital, Surat, by ACSI. attended by 100 dermatologists out of 180 registration. The program featured esteemed national faculty, making it a highly informative event. The highlight was a live hair transplant surgery, led by Dr. Amit Kerure, Dr. Nitin Jain, Dr. Vivek Galani, and Dr. Sahil Sardana. Over four hours, they provided detailed insights into every step of the hair transplant procedure, from setting up the OT to achieving successful outcomes. The session, interactively led by our speakers and Dr. Yogesh Bhingradia, covered donor area preparation, follicular unit extraction, graft preservation, and implantation techniques.

Following this, Dr. Nandita Patel and Dr. Nitin Jain conducted a session on PDO hair threads for hair growth. They demonstrated the procedure's benefits, showing how PDO threads can stimulate collagen production and improve hair density.

Post-lunch, Dr. Sheena Singh introduced hair Botox therapy, explaining its effectiveness in hair growth and its benefits as adjuvant therapy for hair growth.

We concluded the session with a vote of thanks and felicitated our distinguished faculties for their valuable contributions. The conference provided a comprehensive overview of cutting-edge trichology treatments, enriching the participants' knowledge and skills.









(I) Dehradun focus forum: At the recent workshop, Dr. Savitha, Dr. Manas Chatterjee, Dr. Madura C, Dr. Dinesh, and Dr. Salim served as the esteemed faculty, bringing their vast expertise to the forefront of the event. The workshop was designed with a focus on fundamental yet crucial aspects of dermatosurgery, providing attendees with a strong foundation in key surgical techniques and procedures.

The sessions covered a wide array of essential topics, beginning with the basics of how to set up a dermatosurgery unit. Dr. Savitha led this session, offering practical insights into the logistical, technical, and clinical considerations involved in establishing a successful and efficient dermatosurgery practice. Her guidance was invaluable for practitioners



looking to enhance or start their own units, ensuring that they are wellequipped to provide high-quality care to their patients.

Dr. Madura C then delved into the intricacies of suturing techniques, a fundamental skill for any dermatosurgeon. His session was both informative and hands-on, allowing participants to refine their suturing skills through live demonstrations and interactive practice. The focus on precision and technique helped attendees understand the critical role suturing plays in achieving optimal cosmetic and functional outcomes in various dermatosurgical procedures.

Dr. Manas Chatterjee, Dr. Dinesh, and Dr. Salim further enriched the workshop by discussing specialized procedures such as nail surgeries and earlobe repair. Their sessions in the focus forum were highly engaging, with detailed explanations of the indications, techniques, and postoperative care for these common yet challenging surgeries. The faculty shared their personal tips and tricks, providing attendees with a deeper understanding of how to handle these cases with confidence.

The workshop was attended by over 150 dermatologists, who actively participated in the discussions. The interactive nature of the workshop kept the sessions lively and engaging, fostering an environment of active learning and collaboration. Participants were encouraged to ask questions, share their experiences, and engage in real-time problem-solving, making the sessions not only educational but also practical and directly applicable to their clinical practice.

Overall, the workshop was a resounding success, providing a comprehensive and practical learning experience. The combination of expert faculty, interactive sessions, and a focus on foundational skills ensured that attendees left with a deeper understanding of dermatosurgery and the confidence to implement what they learned in their own practices.



#### Gurukul:

A unique and pioneering conference was held in Goa from May 17-19, drawing over 200 dermatologists from across India. This event stood out in the crowded calendar of medical conferences due to its exclusive focus on a patient-centered approach, where the most complex and challenging cases were brought to the forefront for in-depth discussion and analysis by leading experts in dermatosurgery.

The conference was meticulously designed to ensure that every session was not just informative but also highly engaging. From the moment it began, attendees found themselves immersed in a dynamic and interactive environment that kept them engaged throughout the day. Unlike traditional conferences where lectures dominate, this event prioritized interactive sessions, allowing participants to actively engage with the speakers, ask questions, and share their own experiences and insights.

The range of topics covered was extensive, ensuring that both basic and advanced aspects of dermatosurgery were thoroughly addressed. The discussions spanned a wide spectrum, from foundational techniques such as excisions and suturing to more advanced procedures like hair transplantation, vitiligo surgery, and scar revision. Each topic was carefully selected to reflect real-world challenges that dermatologists face in their practice, making the content highly relevant and immediately applicable.

What truly set this conference apart was the emphasis on practical, patient-focused learning. Experts in various subfields of dermatosurgery presented detailed case studies, walking participants through the decisionmaking process, treatment planning, and execution. This hands-on



approach provided invaluable insights into how to manage complex cases, highlighting the nuances that can make a significant difference in patient outcomes.

The event also fostered a collaborative atmosphere, encouraging networking and the exchange of ideas among participants. Dermatologists from different parts of the country had the opportunity to connect, share experiences, and learn from each other, further enhancing the overall learning experience.

In summary, the conference in Goa was a groundbreaking event that set a new standard for dermatology conferences in India. Its focus on patient-centered, interactive learning ensured that participants left not only with enhanced knowledge but also with practical skills they could immediately apply in their practice.





# ACS(I) TechAid: Empowering Members with Knowledge and Expertise

ACS (I) TechAid is the brainchild of Dr T Salim, president of ACS (I). This is the first year of its formation. As the field of procedural dermatology continues to evolve, the role of technology and energy-based devices has become increasingly significant. To support our members in navigating these advancements, ACSI TechAid has been actively conducting training sessions and webinars focused on the practical aspects of handling and purchasing lasers and energy-based devices.

# Webinar 1: How to Shortlist and Buy a Laser Hair Removal Device

Our first webinar of the year provided an in-depth exploration of the key considerations for selecting and purchasing a laser hair removal device. The



session was moderated by techAid Convener Dr Dhanraj Chavan and was led by a distinguished panel featuring Dr. Swapnil Shah, Dr. Madhuri Agarwal, and Dr. Jagdish Sakhiya, who guided attendees through the following critical topics:

- Criteria for Shortlisting Devices: Understanding the most important factors when evaluating laser hair removal devices, including technological specifications, safety profiles, and cost-effectiveness.
- Comparing Laser Types Alexandrite vs. Diode vs. Nd: YAG vs.
   Combination: A comprehensive comparison of the advantages and limitations of different laser types, and when a combination laser might offer superior results.
- Navigating the Market: Strategies for evaluating and comparing different manufacturers, including the importance of certifications and endorsements.
- Negotiating Terms of Purchase and Maintenance: Key points to consider during negotiations, with a focus on securing favourable terms for both purchase and long-term maintenance.
- Maintenance Requirements: Insights into the regular upkeep required for different types of laser devices and how this impacts their longevity and performance.
- Exploring Financing Options: A discussion on the financial implications of leasing versus buying, and the various financing options available to practitioners.

#### Webinar 2: How to Shortlist and Buy a Q-Switched Nd:YAG Device

In our second webinar, the focus shifted to the Q-Switched Nd:YAG device, a vital tool in the treatment of pigmentation and skin rejuvenation. Moderated by Dr Dhanraj Chavan, the panel was of esteemed Dr. B.S. Chandrasekhar and Dr. Sanjeev Aurangabadkar. The webinar covered:



- Common & Uncommon Indications: A detailed discussion on the broad range of indications for the Q-Switched Nd: YAG laser, including both common and niche applications.
- Active vs. Passive Q-Switching: Understanding the differences between active and passive Q-switching technologies and their clinical implications.
- Navigating the Market: Approaches for assessing different manufacturers and making informed purchasing decisions.
- Maintenance Expectations: What practitioners should anticipate in terms
  of routine maintenance for Q-Switched Nd:YAG devices, and how this
  impacts device performance and longevity.

#### Conclusion

Through these webinars, ACSI TechAid remains committed to enhancing the knowledge and capabilities of our members. By providing a platform for expert guidance and peer exchange, we aim to empower cutaneous surgeons with the confidence and competence needed to integrate cutting-edge technology into their practice. We look forward to continuing our educational efforts and supporting our members in their pursuit of excellence.

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#### **Events with sister society (DASIL)**

(a) The DASIL Scar Online Symposium:

ACS(I) - DASIL International Online Scar Symposium 2024 was a highly successful one-and-a-half-day event held on July 27th and 28th, 2024. The symposium was meticulously organized under the leadership of Dr. Venkatram Mysore and Dr. Atula Gupta, serving as the Organizing Chairperson and Secretary from ACS(I), with invaluable support from Dr. Michael Gold, DASIL Founder President, and Dr. Tatjana Pavicic, DASIL President.

The executive committee of ACS(I), including Dr. T. Salim, ACS(I) President, Dr. Pradeep Kumari, ACS(I) Secretary General, Dr. B.S. Chandrashekhar, and Dr. Biju Vasudevan, ACS(I) Academy Co-Chairs, and Dr. Yogesh Bhingradiya, ACS(I) Joint Secretary, played a pivotal role in the seamless execution of the symposium.

We were honored to host an esteemed group of both international and national faculty members, including Dr. Brian Berman, Dr. David Goldberg, Dr. Greg Goodman, Dr. Michael Gold, Dr. Yaron Har Shai, Dr. Azin Ayatollahi, Dr. Gerd Gauglitz, Dr. Gisele Viana de Oliveira, Dr. Marc Roscher, Dr. Matteo Clementoni, Dr. Rei Ogawa, Dr. Robert Kirsner, Dr. Aseem Sharma, Dr. Atula Gupta, Dr. Aniketh Venkataram, Dr. David Pudukadan, Dr. B. S. Chandrashekar, Dr. Biju Vasudevan, Dr. Ganesh Pai, Dr. Jagdish Sakhiya, Dr. Manas Chatterjee, Dr. Madhura, Dr. Nandakumar, Dr. Niti Khunger, Dr. Raghunatha Reddy R, Dr. Salim T., Dr. Sanjeev Aurangabadkar, Dr. Shashikumar B M, Dr. Shehnaz Arsiwala, Dr. Shuken Dashore, Dr. Somesh Gupta, Dr. Suruchi Garg, Dr. Swapnil Shah, Dr. Venkatram Mysore, and Dr. Yogesh Bhingradi.

The symposium was exceptionally well-received, featuring comprehensive discussions on various aspects of scar management. Topics ranged from wound healing and regeneration, medical, procedural, and surgical approaches to scar management, and the use of devices in scar treatment, to the prevention and



management of keloids and burn scars, as well as advancements in regenerative medicine for scars.

This knowledge-enriching event attracted an impressive attendance of nearly 500 participants. It was well-coordinated by ACSICON member Dr. Drashti Devani.

# (b) 11th DASIL WORLD CONGRESS:







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3	Dr. Renita Rajan	laser dermatology	Render Skin & Hair	Chennai, Tamil Nadu
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12	Dr. Niti Khunger		V.M. Medical College, Safdarjang Hospital	New Delhi
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	Dr. Koushik Lahiri	Lasers and aesthetics	Dr. Koushik Lahiri's Skin Clinic	Kolkata, West Bengal
9	Dr. Jaishree Sharad		Skinfiniti	Mumbai, Maharashtra
8	Dr. Imran Majid	Dermatosurgery and lasers	Cutis Institute of Dermatolog	Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir
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