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PRESIDENT'S DESK

Dear Members

I thank you all for the honour and privilege bestowed on me to serve as President of the Indian Chapter of IHPBA. I assume this responsibility in all humility, with deep gratitude and great enthusiasm. I will try my best to live up to your trust and confidence.

My vision for the association for the next two years is to make it a platform for academic excellence, collaboration, and professional growth. I shall in brief dwell on the mission statement of the team IHPBA-IC for the year 2026-2027.

Academic Excellence We have planned to start an online lecture series involving the mid-level faculties who usually do not get an opportunity for podium presentation at the national conferences. This will not only boost their confidence but also nurture and groom them for the future.

Collaboration We plan to collaborate with various institutes across the nation with an aim to evolve a consensus on diseases which we frequently come across. The aim is to give guidelines on these diseases and achieve a standardization for its management.

Professional growth We are working on planning observership program both at national and international level. Though at international level it seems to be a challenge owing to economic constraints due to ongoing war.

To achieve this, I look forward to working closely with all members for knowledge sharing, research, and meaningful academic engagement.

With dedication and unity, we can nurture young minds, expand our horizons, and contribute meaningfully to the advancement of our association.



Dr Chetan Kantharia
President, IHPBA India

Together, let us strive to strengthen our activities, encourage innovation, inspire one another and commit ourselves to learning and service

I look forward to working with each one of you as we move forward with renewed energy and shared vision, towards achieving our goal.

Dr Chetan Kantharia..
President, IHPBA India

SECRETARY'S DESK

Dear Members

It gives me immense pleasure to connect with all members of IHPBA India as we continue our journey of academic excellence, innovation, and collaboration in the field of Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary surgery and allied sciences. Following the successful Silver Jubilee year celebrations in 2025, the year 2026 has been another landmark year in the growth and evolution of our association.

IHPBA India continues to witness remarkable expansion in membership, with a large number of new members joining the association this year. The increasing participation of young surgeons, trainees, gastroenterologists, radiologists, oncologists, anaesthetists, nurses, and allied professionals reflects the growing strength and inclusiveness of our HPB community. This sustained growth reinforces our shared vision of advancing HPB care and education across the country.



Dr Chirag Desai
*Honorary Secretary,
IHPBA India*

Academic activities and training initiatives have expanded significantly during the year. Multiple HPB certificate courses, cadaveric workshops, intra-operative ultrasound training programs, endoscopy workshops, radiology courses, and nursing education programs were conducted successfully across different regions of India. These programs witnessed enthusiastic participation and high academic standards, further strengthening structured HPB training in the country.

Hands-on learning continues to remain a major focus area for the association. Advanced minimally invasive HPB surgery workshops, robotic surgery training sessions, liver transplant focused educational activities, and multidisciplinary tumour board discussions were organized in collaboration with leading centres. Our commitment to practical and skill-based learning has helped create meaningful opportunities for younger surgeons and trainees.

International collaborations have also grown substantially in 2026. IHPBA India has continued its academic partnerships with several international HPB societies and institutions across Asia, Europe, and the United Kingdom. Joint scientific meetings, exchange programs, fellowships, and collaborative educational events have further enhanced global engagement for our members. We are

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particularly pleased to see increasing participation of Indian faculty and trainees in international academic platforms, showcasing the strength of HPB surgery in India.

The association has also expanded fellowship opportunities and travel grants for young surgeons to facilitate exposure to high-volume centres and advanced training programs. These initiatives are aimed at nurturing the next generation of HPB specialists and ensuring equitable access to quality education and mentorship.

Our digital initiatives and administrative systems continue to evolve to improve member experience and streamline academic activities. Enhanced online registration systems, improved communication platforms, and stronger organizational infrastructure have helped the association function more efficiently in an increasingly dynamic academic environment.

I sincerely thank all members, faculty, trainees, industry partners, and collaborating organizations for their unwavering support and contribution to the progress of IHPBA India. The collective enthusiasm and commitment of our members continue to make IHPBA India one of the most vibrant and academically active HPB associations globally.

I am confident that the coming years will bring newer opportunities, stronger collaborations, and greater academic achievements as we continue to work together towards excellence in HPB care, education, research, and innovation.

With warm regards and best wishes,

Dr Chirag Desai..
Honorary Secretary,
IHPBA India

EDITOR'S DESK

01/06/2026

Dear Colleagues

It gives me immense pleasure to present the Second Edition of the IHPBA India Newsletter. As our specialty continues to evolve at an unprecedented pace, this newsletter serves as a platform to connect, inform, and inspire the growing community of hepatobiliary and pancreatic professionals across the country.

The Indian chapter of IHPBA was founded with the vision of promoting excellence in the understanding, investigation, and treatment of diseases of the liver, pancreas, and biliary tract, while fostering collaboration among clinicians, scientists, and allied specialists. Today, with a vibrant and expanding membership, we continue to strengthen this mission through education, research, innovation, and mentorship.

This edition reflects the academic energy and collective achievements of our members. Within these pages, you will find highlights from scientific meetings, educational initiatives, fellowship opportunities, research contributions, institutional activities, and member achievements from across the nation and beyond. These accomplishments underscore the remarkable growth of HPB surgery and multidisciplinary HPB care in India. In the last year we have also been successful in taking IHPBA India beyond our borders to Kathmandu and Singapore.

As we navigate an era of rapid technological advancement, minimally invasive and robotic surgery, precision oncology, transplantation, artificial intelligence, and collaborative research networks are reshaping the future of HPB practice. Equally important is our responsibility to nurture young surgeons and trainees, encourage scientific inquiry, and uphold the highest standards of patient care and professional ethics. These values remain at the heart of IHPBA India's mission.

A professional society derives its true strength from the active participation of its members. I encourage all of you to

contribute to future editions by sharing your experiences, innovations, research milestones, and institutional achievements. Together, we can create a vibrant repository of knowledge that reflects the diversity, excellence, and aspirations of the Indian HPB community.

I extend my sincere gratitude to all contributors, reviewers, editorial team members, office bearers, and members whose support has made this edition possible. I hope this newsletter not only informs but also fosters collaboration, friendship, and a shared commitment to advancing HPB care in India.

Wishing you an engaging read and looking forward to your continued contributions.

Dr Sanjoy Mandal..



IHPBA INDIA 2026, JAIPUR

22ND NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF INDIAN CHAPTER OF INTERNATIONAL HEPATO-PANCREATO-BILIARY ASSOCIATION



February 26 - 28, 2026 | Marriott, Jaipur

The 22nd Annual National Conference of the Indian Chapter of the International Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association (IHPBA India 2026) was held at the Jaipur Marriott Hotel earlier this year, bringing together approximately 750 participants from across India and several countries. The conference was organised and hosted by **Dr Naimish N Mehta**, Chairman of the Centre for Digestive Sciences and Professor & Head of the Department of HPB Surgery and Liver Transplantation at Mahatma Gandhi University of Medical Sciences and Technology (MGMCH), Jaipur.

Conducted under the banner of IHPBA India in association with "The 2nd Liver Summit," the meeting served as an academic platform for specialists dealing with diseases of the liver, pancreas, and biliary system — conditions that include liver cancer, pancreatic cancer, gallbladder disease, and end-stage liver failure requiring transplantation. **The theme for this year's meeting was "Precision and Progress in HPB Surgery."** Dr Mehta noted that the event was oriented toward improving patient outcomes through innovation, collaboration, and evidence-based practice.

International faculty attended from the **United States, United Kingdom, Singapore, South Korea, Malaysia, Australia, and Japan**. Their presence allowed for direct exchange with



Indian surgeons on technical approaches, outcomes data, and evolving global guidelines — the kind of discussion that rarely translates fully into journal publications.

The scientific programme was wide-ranging. Sessions addressed minimally invasive liver surgery, pancreatic cancer management, complex biliary reconstruction, liver transplantation, and robotic surgery. Several sessions focused specifically on multidisciplinary care, bringing together perspectives from surgery, oncology, radiology, and critical care. Structured debates, expert panel discussions, live surgical video sessions, and research presentations by trainees and early-career surgeons were distributed across the conference schedule.



Living donor liver transplantation (LDLT) received dedicated attention, with sessions covering donor safety, surgical precision, and postoperative care. The integration of artificial intelligence into surgical planning, along with enhanced recovery protocols, was discussed in the context of improving patient-level outcomes.

Attendance of nearly 750 surgeons, physicians, researchers, and healthcare professionals from institutions across India reflected the breadth of the specialty's academic reach in the country. Notably, postgraduate trainees and junior surgeons participated in significant numbers — a sign of the sustained interest in HPB surgery as a discipline.

Beyond the formal programme, the conference created space for professional networking. Conversations between national and international faculty touched on joint research, training programmes, and potential institutional partnerships. Jaipur's infrastructure and hospitality supported the logistical demands of an event at this scale.



India has grown steadily as a centre for complex liver and pancreatic surgery, particularly in LDLT, and IHPBA India 2026 brought that work into wider academic view. The discussions and collaborations initiated during the conference are expected to carry forward into clinical practice, research design, and surgical education in the months ahead.

UPPER GASTROINTESTINAL ENDOSCOPIC MODULE

July 26 - 27, 2025

PUDUCHERRY

JIPMER

The Upper Gastrointestinal Endoscopic module, organized by the Department of Surgical Gastroenterology, JIPMER, Puducherry was a hands-on, state-of-the-art training course involving up to 30 surgical trainees from all over the country.

The first day was the **scientific session on the anatomy of the upper GI tract, including variations**. Followed by a detailed discussion on various diseases involving the upper GI tract and its pathology basis. The prime attraction of Day 1 was the detailed explanation & discussion on the technical aspects of the



endoscope, which helps the surgeons in understanding the functioning of the complex equipment.

The subsequent whole day was spent providing hands-on exposure of the endoscope to

the delegates. A full day was provided for all delegates for the training so as to provide enough training time. The day ended with an interactive session with the top-notch faculty on the difficulties encountered by all the delegates while performing the procedure.

THE PROGRAMME WAS AIMED AT

providing deeper understanding and hands-on training in upper GI endoscopy, an area less sought by surgeons. This provided useful knowledge about the basics of endoscopy, including the technical aspects, basics of upper GI pathology and its clinical applications.

SPOTLIGHT OF THE WHOLE PROGRAMME

was the hands-on training provided for all the delegates on mannequins, which were designed with leading-edge technology to mimic the human upper GI tract.

Unfortunately, we had an excess of requests for registrations, but it was not possible to accommodate all. This two-day interactive session was honored by the presence of our beloved President of IHPBA, India, and well-renowned faculty. We are happy to share that we received a very positive feedback rating from all the participants and received requests to conduct similar interactive programmes.

INTRA-OPERATIVE ULTRASOUND (IOUS) IN HPB SURGERY

August 3, 2025

CHENNAI

DR RELA INSTITUTE AND MEDICAL CENTRE

The Indo-UK Collaborative Workshop on Intra-Operative Ultrasound (IOUS) in HPB Surgery was successfully conducted at Dr Rela Institute and Medical Centre, Chennai, in collaboration with the International Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association (IHPBA) – Indian Chapter under the academic leadership of Dr **Somaiah Aroori**. The workshop brought together young surgeons, HPB trainees, and practicing consultants for an intensive academic and hands-on learning



experience focused on the growing role of intra-operative ultrasound in hepatopancreatobiliary surgery.

Intra-operative ultrasound has emerged as an indispensable tool in modern liver and pancreatic surgery, enabling surgeons to accurately define anatomy, identify vascular structures, localize lesions, assess tumour margins, and improve operative precision. Since the utility of IOUS is highly operator-dependent, structured training and supervised hands-on exposure are essential for safe and effective implementation in clinical practice.

THE COURSE WAS CONCEPTUALIZED

with the aim of introducing structured IOUS training to surgeons and helping them integrate real-time ultrasound guidance into routine HPB surgical practice.

THE SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM INCLUDED

interactive lectures on cross-sectional anatomy, planning for liver surgery, principles of ultrasound, sono-anatomy of the liver, and ultrasound characteristics of common hepatobiliary pathologies. Dedicated sessions focused on the role of IOUS in liver surgery and the technical aspects of laparoscopic and open intra-operative ultrasound examination of the liver.

The workshop was led by Dr **Somaiah Aroori**, a distinguished HPB and transplant surgeon from the University Hospital Plymouth NHS Trust, UK, and Honorary Associate Professor at the University of Plymouth. Widely recognized as a pioneer in laparoscopic liver surgery and intra-operative ultrasound, he

INTRA-OPERATIVE ULTRASOUND (IOUS) IN HPB SURGERY

August 3, 2025

has played a key role in establishing multiple structured IOUS training programs across Europe. His extensive experience in complex liver and pancreatic surgery added immense academic value to the course and provided participants with exposure to internationally established IOUS practices.

ONE OF THE MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS

of the workshop was the **highly interactive hands-on training component**. Participants were guided directly by senior faculty members, enabling them to develop confidence in **probe handling, anatomical orientation, lesion localization**, and the **practical application of IOUS during complex HPB procedures**.

The course emphasized how IOUS can assist surgeons in identifying critical vascular structures,



achieving complete tumour clearance, minimizing complications, and ultimately improving surgical outcomes.

The workshop also incorporated quizzes, case-based discussions, and extensive hands-on sessions using phantom models, allowing participants to gain real-time practical experience under expert supervision.

The course witnessed

enthusiastic participation **with around 30 delegates** attending the workshop. The positive response from trainees and consultants reflected the growing need for structured IOUS education in India. This initiative represents an important step forward in advancing IOUS training among HPB surgeons and fostering the wider adoption of intra-operative ultrasound in routine surgical practice for safer surgery and better patient outcomes.

Participants described the course as an

“AWESOME” AND “WONDERFUL” LEARNING EXPERIENCE

that significantly enhanced their understanding of IOUS and inspired them to incorporate these techniques into clinical practice. Many attendees appreciated the unique teaching style, practical clinical insights, and the opportunity to learn directly from internationally recognized experts. Senior faculty members also acknowledged the academic value of the program and praised the efforts of the organizing team in successfully conducting a high-quality educational workshop.

INTRA-OPERATIVE ULTRASOUND (IOUS) LIVER WORKSHOP

August 10, 2025

AHMEDABAD

STERLING HOSPITAL

Sterling Hospital, Ahmedabad recently hosted an Intra-operative Ultrasound (IOUS) Liver Workshop, under the auspices of IHPBA India, which was well-attended by 20 enthusiastic delegates.

The **organizing secretary** for the workshop was **Dr Hitesh Chavda**.

Under the guidance of **accomplished surgeon Dr Somaiah Aroori**, who was the main faculty, the workshop began with a thorough exploration of both normal and abnormal liver sono-anatomy. Participants were introduced to the technique of IOUS, a vital tool for today's HPB surgeons.



This technique was explained in detail, enabling attendees to understand the best practices for conducting IOUS, which leads to accurate outcomes and decision-making. This IOUS Liver Workshop represented a major advance

in developing skills in this area among hepatopancreatobiliary (HPB) surgeons, leaving participants with improved expertise and understanding.

THE WORKSHOP PROVIDED AN EXHAUSTIVE OVERVIEW OF

liver and biliary system anatomy, the specific features of liver pathologies detectable via IOUS, the exact methodology for IOUS execution, and IOUS's significance in Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary (HPB) Surgery.

THE WORKSHOP FEATURED

a standout two-hour hands-on interactive training session, where attendees could apply theoretical knowledge practically with a specially designed variable liver model for intraoperative ultrasound (IOUS).

THE EVENT HIGHLIGHTED

how crucial IOUS is for boosting surgical precision and improving patient results, particularly in planning and carrying out complex HPB procedures.



TRIPARTITE HPB MEETING

August 16 - 17, 2025

SINGAPORE

MOUNT ELIZABETH HOSPITAL

The Tripartite HPB Meeting 2025 was held on 16 - 17 August 2025 at Mount Elizabeth Hospital, Singapore, under the theme *Building Connections, Advancing Care*. Jointly convened by the Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association (Singapore), the Indian Chapter of IHPBA, and the Malaysian Society of Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Surgeons, with support from the Section of HPB Surgery, Chapter of General Surgeons, College of Surgeons, Singapore, the meeting served as an important regional platform for academic exchange, professional friendship, and collaboration in HPB surgery.



Across two days, the programme included state-of-the-art lectures, case-based discussions, oral and video abstract presentations, panel debates, hospital interaction, and networking opportunities.

DAY ONE FOCUSED

on liver, gallbladder, bile duct, and pancreatic surgery, including anatomical liver resection, ICG-guided surgery, future liver remnant strategies, gallbladder cancer, benign biliary strictures, hilar cholangiocarcinoma, difficult common bile duct stones, chronic pancreatitis, pancreaticojejunostomy, acute pancreatitis complications, and laparoscopic Whipple's procedure.

A DEFINING FEATURE OF THE MEETING

was the strong and visible presence of the Indian HPB community. The Indian Chapter of IHPBA contributed substantially to the scientific programme, with Indian faculty actively involved as speakers, moderators, panellists, discussants, and mentors.

THE PARTICIPATION BROUGHT CONSIDERABLE DEPTH

to discussions on complex liver surgery, gallbladder cancer, biliary reconstruction, pancreatic surgery, liver transplantation, minimally invasive HPB surgery, training, and multidisciplinary cancer care.



TRIPARTITE HPB MEETING

August 16 - 17, 2025

DAY TWO

expanded the discussion to liver transplantation, small-for-size syndrome, hepatocellular carcinoma, pancreatic cystic neoplasms, benign liver tumours, pancreatic trauma, borderline and locally advanced pancreatic cancer, team building, and training pathways for future HPB surgeons.



The panel discussions and abstract sessions provided valuable opportunities for younger surgeons and researchers to present their work and receive feedback from senior regional experts.

The meeting concluded with best abstract awards, and it was especially encouraging that the majority of prizes were won by participants from India. This reflected not only the strong academic

engagement of the Indian delegation but also the quality of research, clinical work, and trainee participation emerging from the Indian HPB community.

OVERALL, the Tripartite HPB Meeting 2025 successfully

STRENGTHENED CONNECTIONS

between **Singapore, India, and Malaysia**. The strong Indian presence was one of its most important features, reinforcing the role of the Indian Chapter of IHPBA as a key regional partner and marking a meaningful step toward sustained collaboration, shared learning, and future joint work in HPB surgery.

FELLOWSHIPS

INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP



Dr Gayatri Balachandra
Dr Kailash chand kurdia

NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP



Dr Irrinki Santosh
Dr Ankit Lalchandani



INTRA-OPERATIVE ULTRASOUND IN HPB SURGERY

August 17, 2025

KOLKATA

APOLLO HOSPITAL

The Indo-UK Collaborative Workshop was successfully conducted on 17 August 2025 at Apollo Multispeciality Hospital, Kolkata, under the aegis of IHPBA India. The workshop brought together a focused group of 20 surgeons for an intensive day-long hands-on training programme dedicated to the practical applications of intraoperative ultrasound in hepatopancreatobiliary surgery.

The course was hosted and organised by Dr Ramdip Ray, who served as the Organising Secretary. The faculty included distinguished HPB surgeons **Dr Somaiah Aroori from the UK** and Dr Sudeshna Malakar, both of whom led the scientific and practical sessions with great enthusiasm and expertise. The event was very well received, with excellent feedback from attendees



regarding both the academic content and the organisation of the workshop.

MAJOR HIGHLIGHT

of the programme was the highly interactive format, which encouraged open discussion and close faculty-participant engagement throughout the day. **The participants appreciated the practical orientation of the**

course and the opportunity to directly interact with experienced faculty in a small-group setting.

True to Kolkata's reputation for warm hospitality, the culinary arrangements also received special appreciation from participants and faculty. The success of the workshop reflects the growing interest in advanced intraoperative imaging techniques within HPB surgery and reinforces the importance of international academic collaboration in surgical education and training.

WORKSHOP WAS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE

participants with **real-world exposure to intraoperative ultrasound techniques relevant to liver, pancreatic and biliary surgery.** Through live demonstrations, case-based discussions and supervised hands-on sessions, attendees were able to gain valuable insight into **image interpretation, lesion localisation, vascular mapping and operative decision-making using ultrasound guidance.**



IHPBA - INDIA MIDTERM MEET 2025

August 23 - 24, 2025

NEW DELHI

AIIMS

The IHPBA India Mid-Term Meeting 2025 was successfully organized by Department of GI Surgery and Liver Transplantation, AIIMS, New Delhi under the chairmanship of Prof Nihar Ranjan Dash of the dept. The event brought together, leading experts, faculty, and young surgeons from across the country and abroad. The two-day academic feast focused on the theme “Mastering Techniques in HPB Surgery: Difficulties” and provided a comprehensive platform to deliberate on challenging scenarios and innovations in hepatobiliary and pancreatic surgery.

Apart from the 56 national faculty, 4 international faculty



also joined the conference online to deliver their talks. These included giants of HPB surgery like Dr Masaru Miyazaki from Japan & Dr Timothy Pawlik from USA.

Dr M Srinivas, Director, AIIMS, New Delhi, was the chief guest at the inaugural

ceremony. He emphasized on the importance of events like these and encouraged the participants to actively engage with the speakers and panelists citing this as an opportunity not routinely encountered.

Dr Nirupam Madan, Medical Superintendent, AIIMS, New Delhi, was the guest of honour. She praised the organizers effort and especially lauded the associated Nursing conference,

THIS MIDTERM MEET WAS UNIQUE FOR TWO REASONS:

- 1) This was the first time that a midterm meet was streamed live via Zoom for a nominal fee. Approximately 100 delegates attended at event the auditorium, while another 200 joined online from India & abroad.
- 2) Inclusion of a separate, one day conference for nursing officers from operation theatre with the same theme as the main conference. The same was attended by 100 nursing officers with 150 more joining online.



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mentioning that this is perhaps the first such conference where she has witnessed the inclusion of a separate conference for nurses.

Dr Puneet Dhar, President, IHPBA India spoke on the education initiatives being taken up by IHPBA India.

DAY ONE HIGHLIGHTS

The meeting commenced with sessions on **complex biliary surgery**, followed by an engaging session on **pancreatic malignancy**. Afternoon sessions focused on **benign pancreatic surgery**. The day concluded with a session on **liver resections**.

DAY TWO HIGHLIGHTS

The second day opened with session on **pancreatitis** followed by a very special, potpourri session, which carried techniques such as **ICG use in HPB surgery**

and **intraoperative ultrasound**.

This was followed by sessions on **transplant** (liver, pancreas & auto-islet cell transplant) with contributions from global experts, **portal hypertension**.

The concluding session addressed **biliary tract malignancies**.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by **Dr Rajesh**

Panwar, Associate Professor, Department of GI Surgery, AIIMS Delhi, recognizing the efforts of the organizing committee led by AIIMS, New Delhi, and the IHPBA India leadership.

The scientific program successfully balanced technical depth with practical insights, ensuring rich academic take-home messages, as witnessed by the intense and engaging discussions during and after each session.



THE IHPBA INDIA MIDTERM MEET 2025 REAFFIRMED

The IHPBA India Mid-Term Meet 2025 reaffirmed the IHPBA India's commitment to advancing the science and art of HPB surgery, fostering collaboration, and inspiring young surgeons to take on future challenges.

IHPBA CERTIFICATE COURSE

September 4 - 7, 2025

PATNA

AIIMS

The Department of Surgical Gastroenterology, AIIMS Patna in collaboration with the Indian Chapter of the International Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association (IHPBA India), successfully organized the IHPBA Certificate Course from September 4 - 7, 2025. **Dr Basant Narayan Singh, Assistant Professor** was the **Organising Chairman of the course**.

The course witnessed an enthusiastic response, with participation from residents, fellows, and MCh trainees across the country. It was attended by over 35 delegates who represented various premier institutions,

reflecting the growing interest in structured HPB training programs.

The academic program was delivered by an esteemed panel of national faculty from reputed institutions, ensuring

high-quality teaching and mentorship.

The course concluded with an assessment, followed by certificate distribution and a vote of thanks, marking the successful completion of an intensive and academically enriching program.

THE COURSE WAS METICULOUSLY DESIGNED TO COMPREHENSIVELY COVER

the spectrum of hepatopancreatobiliary surgery, including biliary, pancreatic, liver, transplantation, and portal hypertension surgery.

THE PROGRAM INCORPORATED

a balanced mix of didactic lectures, case-based panel discussions, and interactive sessions, with a strong emphasis on **clinical decision-making and practical application**. Step-by-step operative videos were presented to highlight **surgical anatomy, operative strategies, technical nuances, and complication management**, which were highly appreciated by the participants.



HPB AND TRANSPLANT NURSING CERTIFICATE COURSE

September 11 - 13, 2025

CHENNAI

**MGM HEALTHCARE,
MALAR – ADYAR**

The three-day International Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association HPB and Transplant Nursing Certificate Course was conducted in association with MGM Healthcare, Malar – Adyar. It was held in the Muthamizh Peravai Adyar on September 11 - 13, 2025. The conference served as an extensive academic platform focusing on hepatopancreato-biliary and transplant nursing care. The conference brought together surgeons, nurses, gastroenterologists, intensivists and allied healthcare professionals from various reputed institutions across India. The purpose of the conference was to enhance evidence-based nursing practices and interdisciplinary learning.

The first day of the conference primarily focused on **biliary**



THE FIRST DAY

diseases and laparoscopic procedures. Sessions covered basics of anatomy and physiology of the biliary tract, interpretation of liver function tests, radiology, gallstone disease. Special emphasis was given to biliary interventions including both Endoscopic retrograde

cholangio pancreatography and endoscopic ultrasound and surgical interventions like laparoscopic cholecystectomy, laparoscopic CBD exploration – including operating room preparation and steps of the procedure. Case discussion-based learning was incorporated in the conference to promote interactive learning and critical thinking. Sessions on Day 1 extended beyond clinical topics and focused on topics like stress management for nurses and importance of interprofessional education to promote collaborative learning.

INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS

on laparoscopic instruments and endoscopic equipment, open HPB surgical instruments, energy sources and nutritional management for HPB surgical patients were also conducted to provide hands-on learning for the delegates.

Delegates from different departments including the ICU, wards and operation theatre actively participated in the conference.



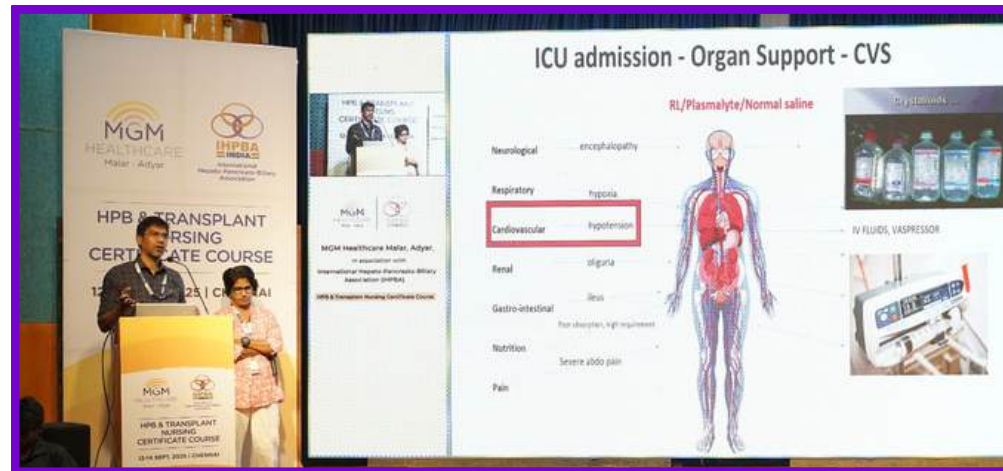
HPB AND TRANSPLANT NURSING CERTIFICATE COURSE

August 23 - 24, 2025

THE SECOND DAY

This day conference concentrated on **pancreatic diseases, HPB surgeries and critical care management**. Topics included anatomy and physiology of pancreas, acute pancreatitis and its management, critical care nursing in acute pancreatitis, role of endoscopic and surgical interventions in acute and chronic pancreatitis. **Special focus was given to the surgical procedures like Lateral pancreaticojejunostomy, Distal pancreatectomy, Whipple's pancreaticoduodenectomy and liver resections including operating room preparation and steps of the surgery.** Perioperative management in HPB surgery and chemotherapy for HPB malignancies were also highlighted.

Interactive workshops on sutures and staplers, management of drains and bags, chemoports, PICC lines,



central lines and VAC dressing further strengthened the practical skills of the delegates.

THIRD DAY

The conference focused on **liver transplantation and transplant-related nursing care**. Sessions discussed anatomy of the liver, donor and recipient surgeries, bench surgery, advanced hemodynamic monitoring, critical care

nursing, perioperative care, immunosuppression and infection prevention in transplant patients.

Workshops on Thromboelastography, Rotational Thromboelastometry, Topical hemostatic agents, CUSA, Waterjet, Argon Plasma Coagulation and Radio frequency ablation provided valuable practical exposure. The conference was concluded with certificate distribution.

THIS CONFERENCE MARKED ONE OF THE FIRST NATIONAL LEVEL HPB AND TRANSPLANT NURSING CONFERENCES

dedicated exclusively to nurses. As the sessions focused on surgical preparation, perioperative and postoperative management and ICU care of HPB surgical patients, the conference served as an excellent platform for interdisciplinary knowledge sharing and collaborative learning. Each session concluded with an interactive audience discussion, providing participants an opportunity to clarify doubts, share experiences and engage in meaningful academic exchange with the faculty. The conference enhanced the clinical and practical competencies of nurses involved in HPB and transplant care.

It served as a valuable platform for specialized learning, interdisciplinary collaboration and professional growth, thereby strengthening the role of nurses in comprehensive care of HPB and transplant patients.

HPB CERTIFICATE COURSE

November 12 - 15, 2025

JODHPUR

AIIMS

The Department of Surgical Gastroenterology, AIIMS Jodhpur, in collaboration with the Indian Chapter of the International Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association (IHPBA India), successfully conducted the HPB Certificate Course from 12th to 15th November 2025 at the **Skill Lab, India-Sweden Healthcare Innovation Centre, AIIMS Jodhpur**.

The course received an enthusiastic response, with 30 registrations from across the country. Participants included MS residents, post-MS fellows, and MCh trainees, representing premier institutions such as AIIMS Rishikesh, AIIMS Bhubaneswar, ILBS New Delhi, AIG Hyderabad, and other leading centres.



The academic content was delivered by an esteemed panel of national faculty from prestigious institutions across India, ensuring high-quality teaching and mentorship.

The lectures were complemented by step-by-step operative videos focusing on **surgical anatomy, operative strategies, technical nuances, and the management**

of complications, which were highly appreciated by the participants.

The course concluded with an assessment, certificate distribution, and a vote of thanks, marking the successful completion of an intensive and enriching academic program.

Overall, the HPB Certificate Course at AIIMS Jodhpur achieved its objective of delivering structured, practical, and high-impact HPB surgical training and was highly appreciated by both participants and faculty alike.

FOUR-DAY PROGRAM WAS METICULOUSLY STRUCTURED

to cover the complete spectrum of biliary, pancreatic, liver, liver transplantation, and portal hypertension surgery.

THE COURSE FEATURED

a blend of didactic lectures, case-based panel discussions, and one-to-one interactive sessions, with a strong emphasis on a practical, decision-oriented approach to HPB surgical problems.



IHPBA CERTIFICATE COURSE

December 2 - 5, 2025

COIMBATORE

GEM HOSPITAL

HPB Certificate Course was organized by the Department of Surgical Gastroenterology at GEM Hospital under the aegis of Indian Chapter of the International Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association (IHPBA India). The four-day academic and hands-on training program was conducted from 2nd to 5th December 2025 under the guidance of Dr C Palanivelu, Dr Anand Vijai and Dr Magnus Jayaraj.

The program was conceived with the objective of providing a structured and comprehensive educational platform for residents, fellows, practicing surgeons, and junior faculty interested in Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary (HPB) surgery and liver transplantation. The course successfully integrated evidence-based academic sessions, case-based discussions, operative



strategy teaching, and intensive skill-development workshops.

A total of **38 senior faculty members and experts in HPB and liver transplant surgery** from premier institutions across India participated as speakers and moderators, sharing their expertise on contemporary topics in **pancreatic surgery, biliary surgery, liver surgery, portal hypertension, and liver transplantation.**

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM FEATURED

comprehensive lectures on acute pancreatitis, pancreatic malignancies, hilar cholangiocarcinoma, hepatocellular carcinoma, minimally invasive HPB surgery, liver transplantation, donor and recipient hepatectomy, immunosuppression, and emerging technologies including machine perfusion and Artificial Intelligence in HPB surgery.

MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS OF THE COURSE

was the extensive hands-on training component, which distinguished the program from conventional didactic meetings. Delegates received practical exposure to:

- CUSA-assisted liver parenchymal transection techniques on animal tissue
- Vascular anastomosis workshop on animal tissues
- Stapler training
- Endotrainer-based simulation sessions
- HOPE machine perfusion live demonstration

The academic sessions were carefully curated to ensure practical relevance and active audience engagement. **Multiple panel discussions and case-based interactive sessions enabled participants to deliberate on complex real-world scenarios such as bile duct injuries, post-pancreaticoduodenectomy complications, management of hepatocellular carcinoma in the Indian scenario, and challenges**

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in liver transplantation. These sessions were particularly well appreciated for encouraging multidisciplinary thought processes and evidence-based decision-making.

WORKSHOPS

These workshops provided participants with invaluable opportunities to acquire technical skills under direct supervision from experienced faculty. The vascular anastomosis sessions and CUSA-based training were especially appreciated for their structured approach and high educational value.

The course witnessed enthusiastic participation from across the country, with **54 delegates attending the program.** Participants included MCh/DrNB trainees,

postgraduates, surgical oncologists, practicing surgeons, and young faculty members with special interest in HPB and transplant surgery. The attendance and active participation reflected the growing need for focused HPB training programs in India.

The organizing committee, led by senior faculty of GEM Hospital, ensured smooth execution of the scientific sessions, workshops, live demonstrations, and delegate interactions. The meticulous planning, faculty coordination, and emphasis on practical learning contributed significantly to the overall success of the event. The feedback received from delegates and faculty was overwhelmingly positive, with many participants



expressing that the course successfully bridged the gap between theoretical understanding and operative application.

THE HPB CERTIFICATE COURSE STANDS AS A SIGNIFICANT ACADEMIC INITIATIVE

in strengthening HPB surgical education and fostering collaboration among trainees and experts in the country. The program also highlighted the importance of structured skill-based learning in modern HPB and transplant surgery training.

IHPBA INDIA-NASG CADAVERIC HANDS-ON WORKSHOP

December 20, 2025

NEPAL

MEDICAL COLLEGE AND TEACHING HOSPITAL

IHPBA India and NASG jointly organized its first cadaveric Hands-on workshop on 20th December 2025 at Kist Medical College and Teaching Hospital, Lalitpur, Nepal.

Under the able leadership of Prof Dr Rabin Koirala (President, Nepalese Association of Surgical Gastroenterology), Prof Dr Mukund Raj Joshi (Organizing Chair, 2nd IHPBA India-NASG Certificate Course), Dr Tanka Prasad Bohora (Organizing Secretary, 2nd IHPBA India-NASG Certificate Course) and Dr Tseten Yonjen Tamang (Scientific Chair, 2nd IHPBA India-NASG Certificate Course), the program came to fruition after months of preparation of the logistics and detailed program scheduling. **It was the first time ever that soft embalming techniques were used to embalm the cadavers in the country.**



All 5 cadavers were embalmed to perfection by the Department of Anatomy at Kist Medical College and Teaching Hospital led by Prof Dr Kishore under the guidance of Dr Raj from JIPMER, Pondicherry. NASG is grateful to both of them. Their kind help has led to a successful cadaveric workshop. The program schedule had been prepared in detail with guidance from **Dr Biju Pottakkat** and **Dr H Shakhivel**. Theoretical discussions were followed by

hands-on workshop. The 5 cadaveric stations were each led by Dr H. Shakhivel, Dr Muthu, Dr Ravish, Dr Dinesh and Dr Tanka.

There were 29 HPB surgeons and aspirants from different institutions and medical colleges across the country. They were immensely satisfied with the detailed sharing of the techniques by our esteemed mentors.

THE HANDS-ON WORKSHOP INCLUDED

defining simple planes, staying on the planes to executing good surgical techniques. **The procedures that the participants practiced ranged from portal dissection to pancreatoduodenectomy.**



IHPBA HPB RADIOLOGY COURSE

January 23 - 24, 2026

LUCKNOW

SGPGIMS

The 3rd IHPBA HPB Radiology Course for Surgeons was successfully held on 23rd and 24th January 2026 at the SS Agarwal Lucknow Auditorium, Sanjay Gandhi Postgraduate Institute of Medical Sciences (SGPGIMS), under the aegis of the International Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association (IHPBA), Indian Chapter. **The course was jointly organized by the Divisions of Surgical Gastroenterology and Radiodiagnosis, SGPGIMS with Professor Anu Behari**, Head of Surgical Gastroenterology SGPGIMS as the organizing Chairperson and **Professor Rajanikant Yadav** from the department of Radiodiagnosis as the organizing secretary.

The course witnessed participation from 55 delegates



drawn from diverse institutions across India, including leading government and private academic centers such as SGPGIMS Lucknow, PGIMER Chandigarh, JIPMER Puducherry, AIIMS Rishikesh, NIMS Hyderabad, KGMU Lucknow, GEM Hospital Coimbatore, Medanta Hospital Lucknow, Tata Medical Center Kolkata,

Seth GS Medical College & KEM Hospital Mumbai, IPGMER Kolkata, and several other tertiary referral hospitals. The delegates included MCh/DNB trainees, fellows, and junior consultants with a keen interest in HPB surgery and imaging.

KEY TOPICS

included imaging of liver space-occupying lesions, LI-RADS and HCC, liver volumetry and future liver remnant assessment, radiological and surgical aspects of liver augmentation, interventional radiology techniques such as TACE, TARE, ablation therapies, pancreatic imaging and intervention, biliary imaging including hilar block and choledochal cysts, and post-transplant complications. Each session concluded with interactive discussions and case capsule presentations, ensuring active delegate participation and real-world clinical relevance.

THE TWO-DAY SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

was meticulously structured into multiple thematic sessions covering the liver, pancreas, biliary tract, gallbladder, portal hypertension, and liver transplantation.

HANDS-ON WORKSHOP

on abdominal ultrasound and intraoperative ultrasound (IOUS), conducted in small batches over both days by Dr Yash Sinha, Dr Kush Parikh and Dr Avinash Gautam, which was highly appreciated for its practical orientation and direct faculty interaction

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The academic program featured esteemed faculty from premier institutes across the country, comprising experienced **HPB surgeons, transplant surgeons, and interventional and diagnostic radiologists**. The invited faculty included experts such as **Dr S S Bajjal, Dr Biju Pottakkat, Dr Naimish Mehta, Dr Shaleen Agarwal, Dr Komalavalli Subbiah and Dr Sonal Krishan and Dr Shivendra Singh** who contributed to high-quality and clinically focused scientific discourse.

The academic engagement was further enriched by e-poster and e-video presentations by delegates, showcasing original work and clinical experience, with awards presented to the best presentations. The course



culminated in a final **quiz session**, providing an engaging and knowledge-reinforcing conclusion to the program.

Overall, the 3rd IHPBA HPB Radiology Course 2026 was widely appreciated for its academic depth, multidisciplinary approach,

practical training components, and vibrant participation. The event successfully achieved its objective of strengthening the interface between radiology and HPB surgery, and stands as a significant academic milestone reflecting SGPGIMS Lucknow's continued commitment to excellence in HPB education and training.

HANDS-ON UPPER GI ENDOSCOPY WORKSHOP

January 24, 2026

BATHINDA

AIIMS

The Department of Surgical Gastroenterology, AIIMS Bathinda, successfully organized a one-day Hands-on Upper GI Endoscopy Workshop for Surgeons on 24 January 2026 under the aegis of the IHPBA India Chapter.

The academic program attracted considerable interest, with all 14 available slots promptly filled by delegates representing Punjab, Delhi, and Madhya Pradesh. This underscores an increasing enthusiasm for structured endoscopic training among the



surgical community. The participant cohort encompassed surgical residents, trainees specializing in gastrointestinal surgery, and practicing surgeons

intent on incorporating endoscopy into their clinical repertoire. Their engaged participation highlighted the relevance of the workshop and reflected the growing recognition of endoscopic proficiency as an essential aspect of contemporary surgical practice.

The workshop comprised a comprehensive series of interactive academic sessions covering the **anatomical and**

WORKSHOP WAS CONCEPTUALIZED

with the objective of providing structured training in diagnostic upper gastrointestinal endoscopy, with emphasis on developing strong fundamentals, safe endoscopic practices, and hands-on procedural skills for surgeons and trainees.

THE KEY FEATURE WAS COMPREHENSIVE HANDS-ON TRAINING

with advanced endoscopy simulators. The sessions were led by Dr KJ Singh, an experienced GI surgeon and endoscopist who served as the backbone of the event. Faculty-guided demonstrations allowed participants to observe vital endoscopic maneuvers and procedural methods in a well-organized setting.



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physiological basis of upper GI endoscopy, endoscopic hardware and software systems, scope handling and navigation, diagnostic endoscopy techniques, and principles of basic therapeutic endoscopy. Special emphasis was laid on safe and systematic endoscopic examination, lesion recognition, and standard reporting practices.

LIVE ENDOSCOPIC DEMONSTRATIONS

The workshop also included live endoscopic demonstrations and sessions on scope care and maintenance, including cleaning, disinfection, storage protocols, and troubleshooting of common technical issues. These sessions provided participants with practical exposure to real-world

endoscopic practice and equipment handling.

Afterwards, delegates engaged in supervised simulator-based sessions to practice scope handling, navigation, and basic therapeutic techniques.

The event was conducted successfully with active

faculty participation and enthusiastic delegate engagement throughout the day. The workshop served as an important academic platform for skill development and capacity building in gastrointestinal endoscopy and reinforced the department's commitment toward advancing surgical education and training.



HPB CERTIFICATE COURSE

February 5 - 8, 2026

KALYANI

AIIMS

Department of Surgical Gastroenterology, AIIMS Kalyani organized HPB Certificate Course under the aegis of IHPBA India from 5 - 8 February.

It was an engaging 4-day course with nearly 40 delegates from all across the country, mostly MCH and DNB residents and a few young surgeons interested in HPB. More requests for registration had come, but it was not possible to accommodate them. **The program was honored by the presence of the President IHPBA, Scientific Committee Secretary and nearly 30 faculty (Local and National).** All trainees were put up in institute guest house and nearby areas so that they could participate full time, wholeheartedly.

First day was session on biliary diseases, basic science including anatomy, radiology and disease states, operative videos and interactive sessions.

Next day was dedicated to pancreas and followed the



same pattern. Third day was on Liver where hands on training on various energy devices for hepatic resection was also discussed. Separate sessions on Liver transplantation was held.

On the last day there were engaging interactive sessions with two renowned GI surgery teachers and the residents on Shunts and biliary injury management. Talks involved practical scenarios relevant to all. There was hand on sessions in wet lab and Robotics at the end of the day on two days

with support from Johnson & Johnson and SS Mantra and mentored by the faculty of the course.

The course concluded with an online examination and e-certificates were awarded to all attendees. We received high rating in the feedback form provided to the participants regarding academic content, organization and hospitality.

THE ADVANCED TOPICS WERE INCLUDED

like **pancreatic transplantation**, case-based discussions on **handling major HPB cases in ICU** (transplant and otherwise); discussion on **Artificial Intelligence in HPB surgery**; **Basic Research Methodology for HPB publications.**



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