

NSSA SPINE 2026

Scientific Programme

24 – 26 September 2026 | Chandigarh

PRE-CONFERENCE CADAVERIC WORKSHOP

DATE	24 September 2026
TIME	8:00 AM – 1:00 PM
THEME	Spinal Endoscopy (Basic & Advanced), MIS TLIF and OLIF
VENUE	Anatomy Lab, PGIMER, Chandigarh

CONFERENCE

VENUE	Hotel Radisson Red, Chandigarh
START	24 September 2026, 2:00 PM onwards

24th September 2026 (Thursday) — PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

HALL A		HALL B		HALL C
2:00-3:00 PM	The Making of a Spine Surgeon: Craft, Career & Crossing the Learning Curve	2:30-4:00 PM	MISS / ENDOSCOPIC SPINE SURGERY - Getting Started and Staying Out of Trouble	No sessions on this day
3:00-4:00 PM	CVJ - Dens & Cervical Spine	4:00-5:45 PM	VIDEO THEATRE - How I Do It	
4:00-4:30 PM	Spinal Tuberculosis: The Infectious Tug-of-War	5:45 PM	→ HALL CLOSED	
4:30-5:00 PM	Choosing Your Vantage Point: Open Field, MIS Tube, or Endoscopic Screen in Lumbar Fusion			
5:00-5:45 PM	Overcoming Challenges in SPINE surgery			
6:00-7:00 PM	INAUGURATION & EXCELLENCE AWARDS			

24th September 2026 (Thursday) — HALL A

TIME	SPEAKER	TOPIC
2:00-3:00 PM	The Making of a Spine Surgeon: Craft, Career & Crossing the Learning Curve	
	Chairpersons: R. Selvan, Charles Neil Tan, Brig HS Bhatoe	
2:00-2:08 PM	Christopher Gerber	Old school spinal surgery: a thing of the past?
2:08-2:16 PM	Charles Neil Tan	From Microscope to Endoscope: The Transition to Endoscopic Lumbar Spine Surgery - Challenges, Complications, and Lessons Learned
2:16-2:24 PM	Tore Solberg	Use of spine registry data for research
2:24-2:32 PM	Kodeeswaran M	Dream of a young neurosurgeon to become a full endoscopic spine surgeon - 25 years journey
2:32-2:40 PM	Subodh Raju	Evolution - Open to Pure Endoscopic Monoportal Discectomy
2:40-2:48 PM	Nitin Yogesh	The Failed Spine Surgery Dilemma: Revision Surgery or Neuromodulation ?
PANEL DISCUSSION / Q&A		
3:00-4:00 PM	CVJ - Dens & Cervical Spine	
	Chairpersons: Sushil Patkar, SS Kale, Ashis Pathak	
3:00-3:08 PM	Sushil Patkar	Decision making and treatment of odontoid fractures
3:08-3:16 PM	Prakash G Modha	Surgical management of type II odontoid fracture and its complications
3:16-3:24 PM	Komal Prasad	Beyond the algorithm: individualizing surgery at the CV junction
3:24-3:32 PM	Shradha Maheshwari	Factors influencing the selection of approach to CVJ pathology
3:32-3:40 PM	Hasan Kamil Sucu	Percutaneous odontoid screw
3:40-3:48 PM	Amit Thapa	Benefits of 360 degree fixation of cervical spine
PANEL DISCUSSION / Q&A		
TILTYARD: CONTRARY VIEW POINTS		
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM		
4:00-4:30 PM	Spinal Tuberculosis: The Infectious Tug-of-War	
	Chairpersons: JKBC Parthiban, N. Muthukumar, Vernon Velho	
4:00-4:08 PM	Brig HS Bhatoe	Early surgery in spinal tuberculosis
4:08-4:16 PM	SK Gupta	Tubercular spine: let the drugs deal

TIME	SPEAKER	TOPIC
4:16-4:24 PM	SS Kale	The middle path
INTERJECTION / DISCUSSION		
4:30-5:00 PM	Choosing Your Vantage Point: Open Field, MIS Tube, or Endoscopic Screen in Lumbar Fusion	
	Chairpersons: Clemens Weber, Shankar Prakash Gopinath, Yasushi Shin	
4:30-4:37 PM	Christopher Gerber	Open vs MIS TLIF
4:37-4:43 PM	Rakshith Srinivasa	MIS fusion
4:43-4:49 PM	Ankit Gupta	Monoportal endo-fusion
4:49-4:55 PM	Sai Kalyan	UBE endo-fusion
INTERJECTION / DISCUSSION		
5:00-5:45 PM	Overcoming Challenges in SPINE surgery	
	Chairpersons: Dong-wuk Son, Ramesh Chandra, Umesh Srikantha	
5:00-5:08 PM	Ashis Pathak	Challenges in OPLL
5:08-5:16 PM	Dong-wuk Son	Managing vascular injury risks in L5/S1 OLIF: insights and strategies from an eight-year clinical review
5:16-5:24 PM	David Bauer	Anterior cervico-thoracic meningocele with deformity
5:24-5:32 PM	Edmond Jonathan	How to avoid dural and root injuries in endoscopic spine surgery
5:32-5:40 PM	Nishanth Sampath	Defending the Spinal Cord - Illustrative IONM cases
PANEL DISCUSSION / Q&A		
6:00-7:00 PM	INAUGURATION & EXCELLENCE AWARDS	
8:00 PM Onwards DINNER		

24th September 2026 (Thursday) — HALL B

TIME	SPEAKER	TOPIC
2:30-4:00 PM	MISS / ENDOSCOPIC SPINE SURGERY - Getting Started and Staying Out of Trouble	
	Chairpersons: Chung-Kee Chough, Edmond Jonathan, Dhandapani S	
2:30-2:38 PM	Nidhi Kumar Patel	Endoscopic Spine Surgery for Neurosurgeons: Bridging the Learning Curve
2:38-2:46 PM	Ajinkya Rewatkar	MISS spine: when and when not to do it
2:46-2:54 PM	Anup Nair	Navigation in minimally invasive spine surgery: tips and tricks
2:54-3:02 PM	Jayesh Sardhara	4Ds of MISS
3:02-3:10 PM	Ramesh Chandra	Spinal endoscopy in your spine practice
3:10-3:18 PM	Sachin Goudihalli	Spine endoscopy and its utility: our experience and how to begin
3:18-3:26 PM	Suyash Singh	Unilateral biportal endoscopy: an early institutional experience and lessons learnt
3:26-3:34 PM	Rakesh Luhana	How to cross the learning curve and minimise complications in endoscopic spine surgery
3:34-3:42 PM	Umesh Srikantha	MIS for spinal Tumor
3:42-3:50 PM	Vasundhara Rangan	Endoscopic cervical laminoforaminotomy: how I do it?
<i>PANEL DISCUSSION / Q&A</i>		
4:00-5:45 PM	VIDEO THEATRE - How I Do It	
	Chairpersons: Se-Hoon Kim, Arvind Malhotra, Hasan Kamil Sucu	
4:00-4:07 PM	Roopesh Kumar	Surgical dilemma in high cervical intramedullary SOL
4:07-4:14 PM	Batuk Diyora	Spinal haemangioblastomas
4:14-4:21 PM	Anita Jagetia	Endovascular management of spinal AVF
4:21-4:28 PM	Surya Krishna Gour	Lateral retropleural approach to the thoracolumbar spine in two cases: operative video
4:28-4:35 PM	Amitabha Chanda	When Tumor opens the door. The modified retro-sternocleidomastoid approach for large cervical dumbbell tumours: a facet-preserving surgical strategy
4:35-4:42 PM	Vijay Parihar	Tubular Endoscopic Posterior Cervical Decompression (Technique for Multilevel Disease)
4:42-4:49 PM	Asheesh Tandon	Monoportal interlaminar endoscopic approach for migrated lumbar disc
4:49-4:56 PM	Akshay Hari	Robotic assisted MIS TLIF
4:56-5:03 PM	Abhishek Shukla	OLIF
5:03-5:10 PM	Y Vamshi Krishna	Farlateral para UBE for Calcified Discs

TIME	SPEAKER	TOPIC
5:10-5:17 PM	Maneet Gill	Intramedullary tumor
5:17-5:24 PM	Achal Gupta	Step by step video for monoportal decompression for LCS
5:24-5:31 PM	Jayesh Sardhara	Full endoscopic monoportal cervical decompression
5:31-5:38 PM	Hasan Kamil Sucu	Modified tap drilling for mid cervical pedicle screw
<i>PANEL DISCUSSION / Q&A</i>		
5:45 PM	→ HALL CLOSED	

25th September 2026 (Friday) — PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

7:00-8:00 AM

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

HALL A		HALL B		HALL C	
8:00-9:15 AM	CVJ I - Fixation Techniques, Anatomy & Vascular Anomalies	8:00-9:15 AM	AWARD PAPER SESSION	8:00-9:00 AM	FREE PAPER SESSION
9:15-11:15 AM	PLENARY SESSION I	9:15 AM-1:00 PM	→ HALL CLOSED & MERGED WITH HALL A	9:00-10:00 AM	CVJ II - Congenital & Complex Anomalies: Individualising the Plan
11:15-11:30 AM	LEGACY LECTURE - Prof. P S Ramani	1:00-2:00 PM	LUNCH	10:00-11:10 AM	SPINAL TUMOURS I - Vertebral Column & Spine Oncology
11:30 AM-1:00 PM	PRESIDENTIAL ORATION & PROF. P.S. RAMANI LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD	2:00-3:00 PM	SPINAL TUMOURS I - Intramedullary, Intradural & Syringomyelia	11:10 AM-1:00 PM	→ HALL CLOSED
1:00-2:00 PM	Group Photography followed by LUNCH	3:00-3:30 PM	PANEL DISCUSSION - Approach to the Vertebral Body Lesion	1:00-2:00 PM	LUNCH
2:00-4:10 PM	PLENARY SESSION II	3:30-5:00 PM	MIS FOR INTRADURAL PATHOLOGY	2:00-3:00 PM	MONOPORTAL ENDOSCOPY
4:15-4:45 PM	LUMBAR CANAL STENOSIS WITH MILD LISTHESIS	5:00-5:30 PM	VIDEO THEATRE - How I Do It	3:00-4:00 PM	BIPORTAL (UBE) ENDOSCOPY
4:45-5:15 PM	CERVICAL SPONDYLOTIC MYELOPATHY	5:30-6:00 PM	EARLY SURGERY VS CONSERVATIVE: MILD CSM	4:00-4:45 PM	LUMBAR DEGENERATIVE DISEASE - Evidence, Fusion & Adjacent Segment
5:15-6:15 PM	TECHNIQUE & TECHNOLOGY	6:00 PM	→ HALL CLOSED	4:45-6:00 PM	SPINE TRAUMA
6:15-7:00 PM	GENERAL BODY MEETING			6:00 PM	→ HALL CLOSED

25th September 2026 (Friday) — HALL A

TIME	SPEAKER	TOPIC
7:00-8:00 AM	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING	
8:00-9:15 AM	CVJ I - Fixation Techniques, Anatomy & Vascular Anomalies	
	Chairpersons: VK Jain, Abhida Shah, Deepak Singh	
8:00-8:08 AM	Ashutosh Kumar	The "3-Anomaly Problem" of the Craniovertebral Junction
8:08-8:16 AM	Sharad Thanvi	Microsurgical anatomy of CVJ surgery
8:16-8:24 AM	Batuk Diyora	Ganglion preservation in C1-C2 surgery
8:24-8:32 AM	Charandeep Singh	Mobilizing bilateral anomalous vertebral arteries to place C1-C2 spacers
8:32-8:40 AM	Anil Sharma	Beyond the basics: managing difficult craniovertebral junction cases
8:40-8:48 AM	Pawan Verma	One junction, multiple challenges: surgical strategies for complex CVJ anomalies
8:48-8:56 AM	Alok Umredkar	Craniocervical Junction Surgery at a Newly Established AIIMS: Initial Institutional Experience and Early Outcomes"
8:56-9:04 AM	Deepak Singh	Odontoid removal: role in present era of posterior-only surgeries
PANEL DISCUSSION / Q&A		
9:15-11:15 AM	PLENARY SESSION I	
	Chairpersons: Sushil Patkar, Ole Solheim, Aprajay Golash	
9:15-9:28 AM	R. Selvan	Philosophy of the anatomy of the spine
9:28-9:41 AM	JKBC Parthiban	Aspire to be a neurospine surgeon
9:41-9:54 AM	SS Kale	Complications in spinal surgery
9:54-10:20 AM	Coffee Break	
	Chairpersons: Pragnesh Bhatt, SS Kale, Prakash G Modha	
10:20-10:33 AM	Ole Solheim	Overtreatment in spine surgery
10:33-10:46 AM	Sasha Gulati	Advancing spine surgery research: innovative study and trial designs
10:46-10:59 AM	VK Jain	Basilar invagination or axial dislocation
10:59-11:12 AM	Guirish Solanki	Cranial settling and C1 arch: a new perspective on the mechanics of basilar invagination and cervical instability
11:15-11:30 AM	LEGACY LECTURE - Prof. P S Ramani	

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11:30 AM-1:00 PM	PRESIDENTIAL ORATION & PROF. P.S. RAMANI LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD	
Presidential Oration Chairpersons – R. Selvan, Sajesh K Menon, Se-Hoon Kim, SK Gupta Introduction – Rajkumar P R Presidential Oration – N. Muthukumar		
Prof. P.S. Ramani Lifetime Achievement Award Chairpersons – JKBC Parthiban, Vernon Velho, Kaushik Ghosh, Rajesh Chhabra Introduction of Award – Prakash G Modha Introduction of Awardee – Komal Prasad Prof. P.S. Ramani Lifetime Achievement Award – Thimappa Hegde		
1:00-2:00 PM	Group Photography followed by LUNCH	
2:00-4:10 PM	PLENARY SESSION II	
	Chairpersons: Sasha Gulati, Krish Sridhar, Chung-Kee Chough	
2:00-2:11 PM	David Bauer	Use of carbon fibre (ICOTEC) instrumentation for spine oncology applications (benefits for MRI and radiation planning)
2:11-2:22 PM	Se-Hoon Kim	Enhanced Recovery After Surgery (ERAS) protocols for spine surgery
2:22-2:33 PM	Aprajay Golash	The connected spine: from Diagnosis to recovery
2:33-2:44 PM	Vernon Velho	The role of robotics in spine surgery
2:44-2:55 PM	Kaushik Ghosh	Minimally Invasive Pedicle Screws- How and where I do it
2:55-3:06 PM	Pragnesh Bhatt	Use of AI and technology in spine surgery
3:06-3:17 PM	Yasushi Shin	Endoscopic spine surgery: technical insight and workflow integration of UBE and FESS
3:17-3:28 PM	Chung-Kee Chough	Updates and innovations in cervical unilateral biportal endoscopic spine surgery
3:28-3:39 PM	Dong-wuk Son	Lessons from 1,200 consecutive OLIF cases: technical pearls and step-by-step strategies to minimise complications
3:39-3:50 PM	Virendra Deo Sinha	Conus tumours: experience and expectations
3:50-4:01 PM	Krish Sridhar	Classification of spinal schwannomas revisited
PANEL DISCUSSION / Q&A		
4:10-4:15 PM	Short break	

TIME	SPEAKER	TOPIC
JOUSTING: UNCORK, SCREW, OR LEAVE IT UNTOUCHED?		
4:15 PM – 5:15 PM		
4:15-4:45 PM	LUMBAR CANAL STENOSIS WITH MILD LISTHESIS	
	Chairpersons: Tore Solberg, JKBC Parthiban, Amit Thapa	
4:15-4:22 PM	Satish Rudrappa	Decompression +/- fixation
4:22-4:29 PM	Abhida Shah	Fixation only
4:29-4:36 PM	Clemens Weber	An overview of the Norwegian Spinal Stenosis and Spondylolisthesis Trials (NORDSTEN)
INTERJECTION / DISCUSSION		
4:45-5:15 PM	CERVICAL SPONDYLOTIC MYELOPATHY	
	Chairpersons: SS Kale, Inbo Han, Aprajay Golash	
4:45-4:51 PM	Sachin Borkar	Multilevel cervical spondylotic myelopathy: anterior approach
4:51-4:57 PM	Prakash G Modha	Posterior decompression and fixation
4:57-5:03 PM	Apurva Prasad	Fixation alone: a paradigm shift in concept
5:03-5:10 PM	Tonje Johansen	Less is more: a Scandinavian perspective for degenerative cervical disorders
INTERJECTION / DISCUSSION		
5:15-6:15 PM	TECHNIQUE & TECHNOLOGY	
	Chairpersons: Virendra Deo Sinha, Michael Louis Gimenez, Roopesh Kumar	
5:15-5:23 PM	Shankar Prakash Gopinath	MIS for thoracolumbar fractures
5:23-5:30 PM	Inbo Han	Injectable hydrogel for intervertebral disc repair following partial discectomy
5:30-5:38 PM	Sushil Patkar	Decision making and surgery in cervical OPLL with a new technique of vertebral body advancement
5:38-5:46 PM	Balamurali G	How advanced tech and AI will shape learning in spine surgery
5:46-5:54 PM	Anita Jagetia	Iliac screw fixation technique
5:54-6:02 PM	Rajkumar P R	Efficacy of O-arm navigation guided posterior cervical fixation with lateral mass screws
PANEL DISCUSSION / Q&A		
6:15-7:00 PM	GENERAL BODY MEETING	
8:00 PM Onwards GALA DINNER		

25th September 2026 (Friday) — HALL B

TIME	SPEAKER	TOPIC
7:00-8:00 AM	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING	
8:00-9:15 AM	AWARD PAPER SESSION	
	Chairpersons: Kaushik Ghosh, Ashwani K Chaudhary, Subodh Raju	
8:00-8:08 AM	Mummaka Siva Prasad	Fast-track lumbar fusion: linking enhanced recovery to clinical outcomes and the biological stress response - a randomised controlled trial
8:08-8:16 AM	Tejaswin Jha	Are we imaging scoliosis wrong? The utility of prone MRI in predicting intraoperative neuromonitoring loss
8:16-8:24 AM	Praneeth Prem Kumar	Vertebral column resection for severe and complex spinal deformity: radiographic correction and perioperative outcomes in a 54-patient single-centre series
8:24-8:32 AM	Pavankumar More	Hirayama disease: an observational study of endocrine and radiological characteristics
8:32-8:40 AM	Vishal	Filling a critical gap in Meastatic spine care : a Novel clsssification system for neoplastic cauda equina compression
8:40-8:48 AM	Nikunj Vardhani	Mangement of Multicompartment schwannomas
8:48-8:56 AM	Rajat Mahawar	Surgical outcome of MIS over-the-top decompression for patients with lumbar canal stenosis with morphological analysis of multifidus atrophy
8:56-9:04 AM	Abhishek Jasrotia	Open surgical biopsy of radiologically indeterminate spinal cord and meningeal lesions: diagnostic yield, procedural morbidity and clinical impact
PANEL DISCUSSION / Q&A		
9:15 AM-1:00 PM	HALL CLOSED & MERGED WITH HALL A	
1:00-2:00 PM	LUNCH	
2:00-3:00 PM	SPINAL TUMOURS I - Intramedullary, Intradural & Syringomyelia	
	Chairpersons: Tonje Johansen, Prakash G Modha, Shankar Prakash Gopinath	
2:00-2:09 PM	Ramesh Chandra	Intramedullary tumours
2:09-2:18 PM	Raghavendran R	Surgical decision making in intra medullary spinal cord tumours
2:18-2:27 PM	Roopesh Kumar	Surgical strategies for neurenteric cysts of spine
2:27-2:36 PM	Prabhuraj AR	Beyond the alarm: neuromonitoring as a surgical navigation tool for spinal tumour surgery
2:36-2:45 PM	Antonio Figueiredo	Surgery for spinal cord tumors

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2:45-2:54 PM	Abhinith Sashidhar	Complex spinal haemangioblastomas: surgical strategies, technical nuances & interpretation of neurophysiological monitoring
PANEL DISCUSSION / Q&A		
3:00-3:30 PM	PANEL DISCUSSION - Approach to the Vertebral Body Lesion	
	Panellists: Karthigeyan M, David Bauer, Ganesh Divakar, Renu Madan, Sameer Vyas	
3:30-5:00 PM	MIS FOR INTRADURAL PATHOLOGY	
	Chairpersons: Anant Mehotra, Kodeeswaran M, Vineet saggar	
3:30-3:40 PM	Michael Louis Gimenez (Lead Talk)	Neuronavigation-guided tubular MIS: from extradural to intradural spinal pathology
3:40-3:48 PM	Nimesh Patel	Paradigm shift to minimally invasive surgery (MIS) for intradural spinal pathologies - surgical pearls & outcomes
3:48-3:56 PM	Saraj Kumar Singh	UBE-guided IDEM excision: expanding the horizon of biportal endoscopy
3:56-4:04 PM	Harsh Deora	Minimally invasive resection of spinal intradural and body tumours: selection criteria and outcomes via tubular retractors
4:04-4:12 PM	Arun Gowda Keelara	Minimally invasive resection of spinal tumours: case series, surgical technique and outcome
4:12-4:20 PM	Pragyan Sharma	Minimally invasive excision of intradural extramedullary tumours: a personal series
4:20-4:28 PM	Anil Sharma	Minimally invasive surgical resection for CVJ IDEM
4:28-4:36 PM	Ajith R	Excision of spinal tumours through a tube: my experience with 100 cases
4:36-4:44 PM	Sanjeev Srivastava	Approaching spine tumours the MIS way
4:44-4:52 PM	Navas NS	Dumbbell tumours of the spine in the minimally invasive era
PANEL DISCUSSION / Q&A		
5:00-5:30 PM	VIDEO THEATRE - How I Do It	
	Chairpersons: Ashis Pathak, Alok Umredkar, Rakesh Luhana	
5:00-5:06 PM	Shashwat Mishra	Interesting complication in posterior C1-C2 fixation
5:06-5:12 PM	Swetha Pendyala	Video: Trans oral odontoidectomy
5:12-5:18 PM	Shweta Kedia	Video: Filar AVF
5:18-5:24 PM	Dwarkanath Srinivas	Goel type 2 basilar invagination
PANEL DISCUSSION / Q&A		

TIME	SPEAKER	TOPIC
THE DUEL 5:30 PM – 6:00 PM		
5:30-6:00 PM	EARLY SURGERY VS CONSERVATIVE: MILD CSM	
	Chairpersons: N. Muthukumar, Sandeep Mohindra, Balamurali G	
5:30-5:37 PM	Batuk Diyora	Surgery for mild CSM
5:37-5:44 PM	Anant Mehotra	CSM: indications for surgery / controversies in mild disease
5:44-5:51 PM	Ajay Choudhary	Time is cord: defining the optimal window for surgery in early cervical spondylotic myelopathy
<i>PANEL DISCUSSION / Q&A</i>		
6:00 PM	→ HALL CLOSED	

25th September 2026 (Friday) — HALL C

TIME	SPEAKER	TOPIC
7:00-8:00 AM	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING	
8:00-9:00 AM	FREE PAPER SESSION	
	Chairpersons: Ashish Aggarwal, Vinu V. Gopal, Prabhuraj AR	
8:00-8:06 AM	Harinarayanan Ramesh	Postoperative outcomes following transforaminal lumbar interbody fusion for recurrent lumbar disc prolapse: a retrospective study
8:06-8:12 AM	Akashdeep Singh Bali	The leverage of technique: high-grade spondylolisthesis treated with Archimedes manoeuvre - insights from a single centre
8:12-8:18 AM	Santosh Kumar Tavva	Evaluating the efficacy of TLIF versus posterior lumbar fusion in lumbar spondylolisthesis: a comprehensive clinical and radiological study
8:18-8:24 AM	Sree Datta Pradeep Kundum	Perioperative functional and radiological predictors of recovery following minimally invasive versus open lumbar fusion for grade I degenerative spondylolisthesis
8:24-8:30 AM	Senthilkumar K	CV junction fractures: surgical strategies and functional outcomes
8:30-8:36 AM	Anand Kumar Das	UBE Guided TLIF- Time for a new paradigm shift
8:36-8:42 AM	Sarabjeet Chibber	Complex Chiari Malformations: SKIMS Experience
8:42-8:48 AM	Raghav Singla	MISS vs endoscopic spine surgery: digital mobility recovery kinetics using consumer-grade wearables
PANEL DISCUSSION / Q&A		
9:00-10:00 AM	CVJ II - Congenital & Complex Anomalies: Individualising the Plan	
	Chairpersons: Sajesh K Menon, Krishna Prabhu, Guirish Solanki, VK Jain	
9:00-9:08 AM	Rashim Kataria	High-obliquity C1-C2 joints: our experience with complete facet drilling using Salunke's technique
9:08-9:16 AM	Anita Jagetia	CVJ: minimal osteotomy technique
9:16-9:24 AM	Sameer Futane	Simple technique for reduction of complex CVJ anomaly
9:24-9:32 AM	Karthigeyan M	Why should you understand vertebral artery in CVJ surgery?
9:32-9:40 AM	Krishna Prabhu	Endoscopic Approach to CVJ Surgeries
9:40-9:48 AM	Nupur Pruthi	Intraoperative neuromonitoring in CVJ surgery: is it really required?
PANEL DISCUSSION / Q&A		
10:00-11:10 AM	SPINAL TUMOURS I - Vertebral Column & Spine Oncology	

TIME	SPEAKER	TOPIC
	Chairpersons: BSV Raju, Apinderpreet Singh, Ramesh S Doddamani	
10:00-10:08 AM	BSV Raju	Management strategies in spinal metastasis
10:08-10:16 AM	Sumit Sinha	Concepts of stabilisation in spinal bony tumours
10:16-10:24 AM	Ganesh Divakar	Recovery-oriented surgery for vertebral tumours: redefining success beyond en-bloc resection and margin status
10:24-10:32 AM	Dibyajyoti Mahakul	The truly ambiguous subgroup within the SINS "potentially unstable" category - the Matryoshka doll phenomenon
10:32-10:40 AM	Apinderpreet Singh	Sacral Chordomas - Search for better quality of life
10:40-10:48 AM	Deepak Mewara	Aneurysmal bone cyst of spine: current treatment strategies and our experience
10:48-10:56 AM	Ramesh S Doddamani	Management of C2 body tumours
10:56-11:04 AM	Manjul Tripathi	GKRS for upper cervical spine
PANEL DISCUSSION / Q&A		
11:10 AM-1:00 PM	→ HALL CLOSED	
1:00-2:00 PM	LUNCH	
2:00-3:00 PM	MONOPORTAL ENDOSCOPY	
	Chairpersons: Charles Neil Tan, Inbo Han, Sumeet Pawar	
2:00-2:08 PM	Ranjit Deshmukh	Trajectory, corridor and target: the versatility of monoportal endoscopy
2:08-2:16 PM	Suyash Singh	Pressure Under the Scope: Understanding Fluid Dynamics and Pressure Management in Endoscopic Spine Surgery
2:16-2:24 PM	Hasan Kamil Sucu	Full endoscopic transforaminal L5-S1 discectomy under local anaesthesia
2:24-2:32 PM	Krishna Hari Sharma	Endoscopic lumbar discectomy and ULBD - Destandau technique
2:32-2:40 PM	Rakesh K Sihag	UBE: technical comparison with existing options
2:40-2:48 PM	Ramanadha Reddy	Transforaminal Endoscopic Surgery for Upper Lumbar-Level PIVD
PANEL DISCUSSION / Q&A		
3:00-4:00 PM	BIPORTAL (UBE) ENDOSCOPY	
	Chairpersons: Jayesh Sardhara, Ramanadha Reddy, Chandrashekhara Gendle	
3:00-3:08 PM	Prankul Singhal	UBE ULBD: 360-degree decompression
3:08-3:16 PM	Atmaranjan Dash	Midline biportal endoscopy with "under the cave" technique for multilevel LCS

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3:16-3:24 PM	Manish Budhiraja	Beyond the Portals: Uniportal & biportal Endoscopic spine surgery. What every spine surgeon should know
3:24-3:32 PM	Mukesh Kumar	Monoportal vs Biportal (UBE) spine Endoscopy - How to choose ?
3:32-3:40 PM	Gaurav Bansal	Overcoming the learning curve in UBE spine surgery
3:40-3:48 PM	Keshav Mishra	UBE vs Conventional spine surgery: concept to current evidences
PANEL DISCUSSION / Q&A		
4:00-4:45 PM	LUMBAR DEGENERATIVE DISEASE - Evidence, Fusion & Adjacent Segment	
	Chairpersons: Michael Louis Gimenez, Raghavendran R, Mayank Garg	
4:00-4:08 PM	TVRK Murty	Adjacent segment complications after spinal fixation
4:08-4:16 PM	Balamurali G	Adjacent segment disease after MIS TLIF
4:16-4:24 PM	Naveen Chitkara	Revision spine surgery: analysis of causes and outcomes
4:24-4:32 PM	Palaniappan P	Internal decompression for lumbar degenerative spinal canal stenosis in the elderly
PANEL DISCUSSION / Q&A		
4:45-6:00 PM	SPINE TRAUMA	
	Chairpersons: Deepak Singh, Anil Sharma, Hitesh Inder Singh rai	
4:45-4:52 PM	Vasundhara Rangan	Evolution of surgical strategy in sub-axial cervical spine trauma: where we stand now
4:52-4:59 PM	Vinu V. Gopal	Neurorehabilitation in traumatic spinal cord injury: recent advances and perspectives
4:59-5:06 PM	Vyom Bhargava	A new motion-segment preservation technique for burst fracture of the thoracic spine
5:06-5:13 PM	Savitr Sastri	Robotics in spine trauma
5:13-5:20 PM	Dhandapani S	Efficacy of MIS for complex spine injuries & high-grade listhesis
5:20-5:27 PM	Deepak Gupta	Swimming pool injuries in young ones - from prevention to advocacy
5:27-5:34 PM	Sumit Sinha	Principles of management of subaxial cervical spine injury
5:34-5:41 PM	Kranti Kiran	Traumatic thoracolumbar spine injury: a tertiary care neurotrauma centre perspective
5:41-5:48 PM	Balamurugan S	Thoracolumbar junction fractures: current neurosurgical practice and emerging concepts
PANEL DISCUSSION / Q&A		
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9:30-10:35 AM	DEFORMITY	9:00-11:00 AM	GERIATRIC, OSTEOPOROTIC & INFECTED SPINE	12:40 PM	→ HALL CLOSED
10:35-11:30 AM	THE ODDS AND ENDS SESSION				
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12:00-1:00 PM	OPLL, OYL & ANTERIOR CERVICAL RECONSTRUCTION	12:00-1:00 PM	SPINE QUIZ (final round)		
1:00 PM	VALEDICTORY followed by LUNCH	1:00 PM	→ HALL CLOSED		

26th September 2026 (Saturday) — HALL A

TIME	SPEAKER	TOPIC
7:00-8:00 AM	JOSS EDITORIAL BOARD MEETING	
8:00-8:40 AM	PAEDIATRIC SPINE I	
	Chairpersons: VK Jain, Komal Prasad, Kiran Jangra	
8:00-8:08 AM	Krishnakumar K	Paediatric atlantoaxial dislocation: key insights and clinical pearls
8:08-8:16 AM	Balamurugan S	Paediatric craniovertebral junction surgery: emerging concepts and practical challenges
8:16-8:24 AM	Sachin Borkar	Paediatric CVJ anomalies: nuances
8:24-8:32 AM	Deepak Gupta	Metal-free fixations in paediatric spines
PANEL DISCUSSION / Q&A		
8:40-9:30 AM	PAEDIATRIC SPINE II: Dysraphism	
	Chairpersons: N. Muthukumar, Hemant Bhagat, Vasundhara Rangan	
8:40-8:47 AM	Priyamvadha Kovai	Spinal dysraphism and split cord malformation: evolving concepts in diagnosis, decision-making and surgical outcomes
8:47-8:54 AM	Saurav Samantray	Retained medullary cord: a newer entity in spinal dysraphisms
8:54-9:01 AM	Ramesh AS	The silent bladder in infants with tethered cord syndrome: early detection and risk stratification of occult lower urinary tract dysfunction
9:01-9:08 AM	Chandrashekhar Gendle	Pediatric Spinal Lipomas: Navigating a Complex Spectrum—From Diagnosis to Surgical Outcomes
9:08-9:15 AM	Tulsi Ram	Navigating Complexity and Complications: Staged Management of Multilevel Type I Split Cord Malformation
9:15-9:22 AM	Venkatesh Raju	Split cord malformations - revisited
PANEL DISCUSSION / Q&A		
9:30-10:35 AM	DEFORMITY	
	Chairpersons: Sajesh K Menon, Nirmalraj G, Chandan Mohanty	
9:30-9:40 AM	Sajesh K Menon (Lead Talk)	Active apex correction in early-onset scoliosis deformity
9:40-9:50 AM	Dong-wuk Son (Lead Talk)	MIS deformity surgery in adult degenerative scoliosis: opportunities and limitations
9:50-9:58 AM	Asheesh Tandon	Posterior VCR: severe kyphosis correction
9:58-10:06 AM	Manoj Phalak	Severe spinal deformity with neurological deficits: learning insights

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10:06-10:14 AM	Chandan Mohanty	Role of deformity correction in Degenerative Cervical Myelopathy
10:14-10:22 AM	Mukesh Kumar	Vertebral column resection (VCR) for severe kyphoscoliosis: technique, pearls and pitfalls
10:22-10:30 AM	Rakesh K Sihag	Lessons learnt beginning spine deformity correction
PANEL DISCUSSION / Q&A		
10:35-11:30 AM	THE ODDS AND ENDS SESSION	
	Chairpersons: Krishnakumar K, Pragnesh Bhatt, Sushanta Sahoo	
10:35-10:41 AM	Bethanbhatla Murali Krishna	Posterior cervical decompression and stabilisation with epidural venous plexus coagulation for Hirayama disease: a prospective cohort study
10:41-10:48 AM	Pragnesh Bhatt	Management of cervical myelopathy: has the evidence changed?
10:48-10:55 AM	Rajesh Meena	Super-complex hangman fractures: lessons learnt
10:55-11:02 AM	Ramesh Teegala	Small footprint, big impact: cost-effective, surgeon-driven innovations in minimally invasive spine surgery
11:02-11:09 AM	Deepak Bhangale	OLIF Vs TLIF
11:09-11:16 AM	Mayur Gharat	Decision making in spinal AVMs open or endovascular or both
11:16-11:23 AM	Nikunja Yogi	Flavum preservation in UBE surgery
PANEL DISCUSSION / Q&A		
11:30 AM-12:00 PM	DEBATE - UBE vs Monoportal (Lumbar disc Herniation)	
	Chairpersons: Ramesh Teegala, Charles Neil Tan, Manish Budhiraja	
11:30-11:37 AM	Sumeet Pawar	Monoportal
11:37-11:44 AM	Bala Raja Sekhar Chandra	Biportal
11:44-11:51 AM	Dwarkanath Srinivas	A comparative evaluation of UBE and monoportal endoscopy for the lumbar spine
PANEL DISCUSSION / Q&A		
12:00-1:00 PM	OPLL, OYL & ANTERIOR CERVICAL RECONSTRUCTION	
	Chairpersons: Ashis Pathak, Anoop Thomas, Narender Kalaria	
12:00-12:08 PM	Anoop Thomas	Cervical disc arthroplasty: an update
12:08-12:16 PM	Sachin Borkar	Anterior approach to OPLL
12:16-12:24 PM	Ananth Abraham	C2 Translaminar Screws - safe and strong
12:24-12:32 PM	Sarvpreet Singh Grewal	Anterior cervical discectomy / corpectomy

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12:32-12:40 PM	Se-Hoon Kim	Feasibility of titanium expandable cage for vertebral body replacement in the cervical spine
12:40-12:48 PM	Rajasekhar Rekhapalli	Ossified yellow ligament: management
PANEL DISCUSSION / Q&A		
1:00 PM	VALEDICTORY followed by LUNCH	

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TIME	SPEAKER	TOPIC
7:00-8:00 AM	JOSS EDITORIAL BOARD MEETING	
8:00-9:00 AM	CONTROVERSY - The Atlantoaxial Instability Hypothesis: Paradigm or Overreach?	
	Chairpersons: Nupur Pruthi, Saswat Dandpat, Rajesh Meena	
8:00-8:08 AM	Apurva Prasad	Understanding the novel clinical and radiological indicators of atlanto-axial instability: an experience of 2500 cases
8:08-8:16 AM	Abhida Shah	Rotatory atlantoaxial instability: evolution of a novel concept
8:16-8:24 AM	Saswat Dandpat	Different facets of C1-C2 instability and journey with C2 nerve preservation: our institutional experience
8:24-8:32 AM	Adesh Shrivastava	The challenges of congenital CVJ anomalies and the importance of free-hand screw technique in complex anatomical variants
8:32-8:40 AM	Abhi Gabba	Chiari malformation: Decompression, Fixation or both
8:40-8:48 AM	Pasham Amarendra	Posterior fixation failed - what next? Endoscopic endonasal odontoidectomy as a salvage procedure for persistent ventral brainstem compression
<i>PANEL DISCUSSION / Q&A</i>		
9:00-11:00 AM	GERIATRIC, OSTEOPOROTIC & INFECTED SPINE	
	Chairpersons: Sarvdeep singh Dhatt, Satish Rudrappa, Rajasekhar Rekhopalli	
9:00-9:08 AM	Amanjot Singh	Management of the osteoporotic spine: current scenario
9:08-9:16 AM	Soma Madhan Reddy	MIS fixation procedures in the osteoporotic spine: troubles and tricks
9:16-9:24 AM	Kodeeswaran M	Zero-cost balloon kyphoplasty from a tertiary care government institution in Tamil Nadu
9:24-9:32 AM	Sushil Patkar	Treatment of osteoporotic vertebral fractures
9:32-9:40 AM	Sachin Goudihalli	Osteoporotic vertebral fractures: when to intervene - our institutional experience
9:40-9:48 AM	Krishna Sharma	Management of osteoporotic vertebral fractures
9:48-9:56 AM	Satish Rudrappa	Complex thoracolumbar osteoporotic fractures: surgical strategy
9:56-10:04 AM	BSV Raju	Current concepts and management strategies for osteoporotic spine fractures
10:04-10:12 AM	Brig HS Bhatoe	Instrumented decompression in degenerative LCS in the elderly with comorbidities: improved QOL
10:12-10:20 AM	Swetha Pendyala	Management of postoperative spinal infections

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10:20-10:28 AM	Syed Yasin Shahtaz Emanee	Challenges in management of the geriatric spine
10:28-10:36 AM	Kuldeep Upadhyay	Adjunctive use of antibiotic-loaded calcium sulfate beads in the management of infective spine pathologies: early experience with a local antibiotic delivery system
10:36-10:44 AM	Vikas Janu	Lessons learnt in paediatric CVJ & cervical spine surgery
10:44-10:52 AM	Akshay Patil	Novel (modified) surgical technique in the management of Chiari malformation
<i>PANEL DISCUSSION / Q&A</i>		
11:00 AM-12:00 PM	IMPLANTS, DEVICES, RECONSTRUCTION & NEUROMODULATION	
	Chairpersons: Navneet Singla, Venkatesh Raju, Kaushik Ghosh	
11:00-11:08 AM	Krishna Sharma	Cervical pedicle screw fixation: my experience of the last decade
11:08-11:16 AM	Dattaprasanna Katikar	Winged expandable titanium cage (WETC) for cervical spine curvature correction and maintenance after corpectomy
11:16-11:24 AM	Puneet Malik	Intrathecal baclofen: who really needs a pump?
11:24-11:32 AM	Navneet Singla	Biomechanics of Pedicle screws
11:32-11:40 AM	Sanjeev Srivastava	Spinal Cord stimulation for pain
11:40-11:48 AM	Praneeth Kokkula	Cutting the tone: the role of Selective Selective dorsal rhizotomy for spasticity
<i>PANEL DISCUSSION / Q&A</i>		
12:00-1:00 PM	SPINE QUIZ (final round)	
	Convenors: Apurva Prasad, Achal Gupta	
	Participants: Adeline Hephzibah, Sagnik Roy, Himanshu YN, Sreekanth Velpula, Rohan Purohit, Shubha Dip Nandi	
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7:00-8:00 AM	JOSS EDITORIAL BOARD MEETING	
8:00-10:15 AM	FREE PAPER PRESENTATION	
	<i>Session I</i>	
	Chairpersons: Gurunathan Jayaraman, PK Sahoo, Praneeth Kokkula	
8:00-8:07 AM	Sarang Agarwal	Clinician based Surgical outcomes vs Quality of life in patients operated for Chiari malformation : a prospective analysis
8:07-8:14 AM	Ankit Agrawal	My first 10 cases in interlaminar endoscopy: lessons learned and a beginner's guide
8:14-8:21 AM	Praneeth Prem Kumar	Does aetiology influence radiographic correction after vertebral column resection? A comparative analysis of tubercular, congenital and post-traumatic spinal deformities
8:21-8:28 AM	Dinesh Reddy	Thoracolumbar fractures: clinical challenges, surgical decision-making and functional outcomes
8:28-8:35 AM	Anu M M	Navigating Anomalous Vertebral Artery Anatomy in C1–C2 Fixation: A Clinico-radiological Study
8:35-8:42 AM	Tirushi Jain	Is routine complete extraspinal component necessary in intradural extramedullary tumors : long term outcome after complete intraspinal decompression
8:42-8:49 AM	Pramod S	Neuroaxial ABC : A single institutional experience comparing cranial and spinal lesion
8:49-8:56 AM	Satya Sachin Dakkumala	Is total excision necessary in spinal extradural arachnoid cysts? A case series supporting tailored surgical management
<i>PANEL DISCUSSION / Q&A</i>		
	<i>Session II</i>	
	Chairpersons: Sachin Borkar, Saravanan Sadhasivam, Vipin Gupta	
9:10-9:17 AM	Suraj Ethiraj	Navigating complexity: surgical decision-making and nuances in cervical intramedullary cavernomas - a report of two cases
9:17-9:24 AM	Niranjana R	Intraoperative reduction strategies in MIS TLIF for Lumbar spondylolisthesis: A secondary evidence of radiographic fusion and Clinical
9:24-9:31 AM	Raju Manjooran	Development and clinical evaluation of a variable-diameter (tapered) cervical pedicle screw for posterior stabilisation of the sub-axial spine (C3-7)
9:31-9:38 AM	Kaviraj Kaushik	Surgery for metastatic epidural spinal cord compression in the era of SBRT: a 249-patient single-centre experience

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9:38-9:45 AM	Ila Katyan	Unlocking long-term stability: interplay of sagittal alignment and implant integrity underlying the biomechanical advantage of O-arm navigated percutaneous pedicle screw fixation
9:45-9:52 AM	Aman Batish	Know your tools and Weapons: implants & instruments in spine surgery
9:52-9:59 AM	Ankur Bajaj	Surgical management of split cord malformations: operative nuances, associated anomalies and functional outcomes from a tertiary care centre
9:59-10:06 AM	Arvind Kumar Agarwal	Choice of the spacer/implant - an experience in ACDF
<i>PANEL DISCUSSION / Q&A</i>		
	<i>Invited Talk</i>	
10:15-10:30 AM	Vernon Velho	Hemostatic agents in spinal surgery
10:30 AM-12:40 PM	ROBOTICS, NAVIGATION, AI & THE ODDS	
	Chairpersons: Aprajay Golash, Ankur Bajaj, Sameer Futane	
10:30-10:38 AM	Akshay Hari	The role of robotics in spine surgery
10:38-10:46 AM	Sandeep Vaishya	Robotic spine surgery: hype or future?
10:46-10:54 AM	Bk Singhania	Artificial intelligence: a game changer in spine surgery
10:54-11:02 AM	Aprajay Golash	The intelligent spine surgeon: AI beyond the operating room
11:02-11:10 AM	Manish Beniwal	Indications and technique for placing cervical pedicle screws under neuronavigation
11:10-11:18 AM	Puneet Rana	Spinal surgery - newer avenues of accuracy without radiation exposure
<i>PANEL DISCUSSION / Q&A</i>		
	Chairpersons: Ramesh AS, Sandeep Vaishya, Saurav Samantray	
11:25-11:33 AM	PK Sahoo	Flash back and challenges in cervical disc replacements
11:33-11:41 AM	Partha Sarathi Mondal	Dual hemangioma at the same spinal level
11:41-11:49 AM	Harman Sobti	Transarticular spine fixation: a technique from the past for the future
12:05-12:13 PM	Charandeep Singh	Complex Multi-compartmental Spinal Schwannomas abutting major vessels
12:13-12:21 PM	Balasubramani Karuppanan	Complexity in CVJ diseases and their management
12:21-12:29 PM	Savitr Sastri	Robotics in MISS
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Tejaswin Jha	A Pulsatile Presentation of Pott's Spine: A Case Series of Tuberculous Aortic Pseudoaneurysm from a High-Burden Region
Amritesh Dixit	Minimally Invasive Hemilaminectomy for lumbar IDEM
Fahd Ahmed	Giant Pediatric Hybrid Schwannoma–Neurofibroma with Cervicothoracic Extension Recurrent Intraspinal Compression and Vertebral Artery Encasement: A Staged Multidisciplinary Surgical Challenge
Mummaka Siva Prasad	Endoscopic Decompression for Ossified Ligamentum Flavum: Clinical Outcomes and Surgical Pearls from a Consecutive 34-Patient Case Series
Akashdeep	Restoration of Cervical Lordosis in Rigid Kyphotic deformities using Bhavuk's Laminar Bow: Surgical technique and cases
John Vimal Vincent	Hirayama Disease: A 25-Year Institutional Experience from a Tertiary Neurosurgical Centre
Raj Ratan	Beyond the Border: Critical Insights from a Severe Cervicodorsal Spinal Injury
Aritra Bhattacharjee	Anomalous Vertebral Artery in Craniovertebral Junction Instability: A Surgical Roadmap for Safe Fixation
Shivam Sharma	Solitary Cervical Juvenile Xanthogranuloma in a Child - Treatment by a Novel C1 Fixation Technique
Panga Harshavardhan	Spinal Cavernoma in an Infant : A Diagnostic masquerading as Occult Spinal Dysraphism
Prithviraj Mukhopadhyay	Hemorrhagic Presentation of Primary Spinal Intradural Ewing's Sarcoma in Children
Vishwal Parmar Manishbhai	Primary Intradural MPNST at the Foramen Magnum in a Child Without Neurofibromatosis: A Rare Case Report
Param Shah	Revision Craniovertebral Junction surgery by plate and screw fixation