



Conference Agenda

EMPOWERING HEALTHCARE THROUGH DIAGNOSTIC EXCELLENCE



24-25 Jan 2026
Time: 09.00AM - 06.00PM



**Lokmata Devi Ahilya Sabhagraha,
DAVV, INDORE, MP**

INAUGURAL SESSION

24 January 2026

10.45 - 12.15 PM

Inaugural Session

10.45 - 10.50 AM

CAHO Anthem and Welcome Address

- ☑ **Dr Aparna Jairam**
Chairman - Diagnostic Division, CAHO

10.50 - 11.00 AM

Lamp Lighting Ceremony

- **Dr. Venkatesh Thuppil**, Patron, CAHO
- **Dr Sandip Shah**, Chairperson, NABL-QCI
- **Mr Mayanraj Singh Bhadoriya**, Chairman, AMALTAS Medical College & Hospital
- **Dr Vijay Agarwal**, President, CAHO
- **Dr Lallu Joseph**, Secretary General, CAHO
- **Dr Sankar Sengupta**, Vice President, CAHO
- **Dr Aparna Jairam**, Chairman Diagnostic Division, CAHO
- **Dr Vinita Kothari**, Secretary, Diagnostic Division, CAHO
- **Dr Seema Bhargava**, Sr. Consultant & Chairperson of the Department of Biochemistry, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital
- **Fr. Johnson Vazhappilly CMI**, Executive Director & CEO, Rajagiri Hospital
- **Dr DP Lokwani**, Founder Vice Chancellor, MP Medical Science University, Director Sukhsagar Medical College
- **Dr Deepak Shrivastava**, Director, IMS, DAVV
- **Dr CC Motiani**, Asst Professor IMS, DAVV
- **Dr Ashok Rattan**, Advisor/Consultant, Diagnostics
- **Dr Ravi Gaur**, Chairman, Medical Advisory Committee, Onquest Laboratories Ltd & Founder DRG Pathlab
- **Dr Prashant Nag**, Vice President, Clinical Excellence, Tata 1mg Labs
- **Dr RK Chaurasia**, Registrar, LNCT University, Bhopal
- **Dr. Prashant Purohit**, Registrar, LNCT University, Indore
- **Dr Vinod Bhandari**,

11.00 - 11.10 AM

Opening Remarks

- ☑ **Dr Vinita Kothari**
Secretary, CAHO Diagnostic Division, Founder & Director, Central Lab, Indore

11.10 - 11.25 AM

Chief Guest Address

- ☑ **Shri Rajendra Shukla**
Hon'ble Health Minister and Deputy Chief Minister, Madhya Pradesh

11.25 - 11.40 AM

Special Guest Address

- ☑ **Shri Shankar Lalwani**
Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Loksabha

11.40 - 11.55 PM

Guest of Honor

- ☑ **Dr Sandip Shah**
Chairperson, National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL), Quality Council of India

11.55 - 12.05 PM

Guest of Honor

- ☑ **Sh. MayankRaj Singh Bhadoriya**
Chairman, AMALTAS Medical College & Hospital

12.05 - 12.10 PM

Video release

- ☑ **Dr Vinita Kothari**
Secretary, Diagnostic Division, CAHO, Founder-Central Labs

12.10 - 12.15 PM

Vote of Thanks

- ☑ **Dr D P Lokwani**
Founder Vice Chancellor, MP Medical Science University, Director Sukhsagar Medical College

12.15 PM

National Anthem

MAIN HALL

24 January 2026

10.00-10.10 AM

CAHO Anthem and Declaring the Conference Open

10.10-10.45 AM

Session-I
Patient Safety in Diagnostics 2026:
From Accurate Testing to Safer Care

Chairpersons

- ✔ Dr Vinita Kothari
*Secretary – CAHO Diagnostic Division
Founder & Director, Central Lab, Indore*
- ✔ Dr Aparna Jairam
*Chairperson, Diagnostic Division
Consortium of Accredited Healthcare Organizations (CAHO)*
- ✔ Dr Vijay Agarwal
*President,
Consortium of Accredited Healthcare Organizations (CAHO)*

Speaker

- ✔ Dr Sanjay Dixit
*Director Medical Education
Ex Dean MGM Medical College, Indore*
- ✔ Dr Sandip Shah
*Chairman, NABL- National Accreditation Board for
Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL), Quality
Council of India*

10.45 – 12.15 PM

Inauguration

12.15 - 12.45 PM

Session-II

Keynote:

From good to great: The Role of Leadership & Mental Wellbeing in academic & service Laboratories

Chairpersons

- ✔ Dr. Pankaj Johri
Director & Head- Operations (Medical), National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL)
- ✔ Dr Ashok Rattan
Advisor/Consultant, Diagnostics
- ✔ Dr O P Bhargav
Professor, NSCB Medical College, Jabalpur
- ✔ Dr. Prashant Nag
*Vice President
Clinical Excellence, Tata 1mg*

Speakers

- ✔ Dr. Rajiv Erasmus
Emeritus Professor of Pathology, Stellenbosch University, Cape Town, South Africa Editor-in-Chief, African Journal of Laboratory Medicine

12.45 - 1.15 PM

Session-III

The role of IDH Biomarker in precision oncology.

Chairperson

- ✔ Dr Mamta Kankra
*Senior Consultant, Department of Biochemistry
Quality Head, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi*
- ✔ Dr Reema Bahri
*Director - Laboratory Medicine & Hospital Quality
Operations, Aarvy Healthcare, Gurugram*

Speakers

- ✔ Dr. Amrit Kaur Kaler
*Consultant Molecular Pathology and Genomics - Department of
Genetics and Molecular Medicine, Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani
Hospitals, Mumbai*

1.15 - 2.15 PM

Lunch Break

2.15 – 2.45PM

Session-IV From Benchmarking to Business Value: Environmental Sustainability in Diagnostic Laboratories

Chairpersons

- ✔ Dr D P Lokwani
*Founder & Vice Chancellor, MP Medical Science University
Director, Sukh Sagar Medical College, Jabalpur*
- ✔ Dr Seema Bhargava
*Senior Consultant & Chairperson, Department of Biochemistry,
Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi*
- ✔ Dr Reeni Malik
*Dean – Academics & Research, Chirayu Medical College &
Hospital, Bhopal*

Speaker

- ✔ Mr Wesley Wong
*APAC Lab Consulting Team Manager, Application & Consulting
Lab & C-Suite Value Stream*

2.45 – 3.05 PM

Session-V PathCrisp: Leveraging CRISPR for Decentralized Molecular Testing

Chairperson

- ✔ Dr MS Gujral
*Retd. Professor & Head, Dept of Pathology, MGM
Medical College, Indore*
- ✔ Dr Deepa Mandloi
*Executive Director, Institute of Cancer and Stem Cell Research
(ICSR), Indore*
- ✔ Ms Manoti Tare
Lead Business Operations, CrisprBits

Speaker

- ✔ Dr Kruthika BS
*Director & National Head Clinical Laboratory Excellence &
Quality Assurance, Tata 1mg*

3.05 – 3.20 PM

Session-VI Beyond Basic CBC: Value-Added Parameters i Patient Care

Chairpersons

- ✔ Dr Arpita Roy Dam
*Director & National Head Clinical Laboratory
Excellence & Quality Assurance, Tata 1mg*

Speaker

- ✔ Dr. Gaurav Shelgaonkar
*MBBS, DCP, DNB (Pathology), MNAMS, Consultant Pathologist
& Chief Quality Officer, Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital,
Indore*

3.20 – 3.40 PM

Session-VII PCR Vs NGS – The Right Tool for the Right Lab : Thoughts on molecular Platform Selection for Microbiology.

Chairpersons

- ✔ Dr. Kamles Kumar B. Patel
*Head of Department – Microbiology, SAIMS Medical
College & PG Institute*
- ✔ Mr Manoj Monga
Managing Director & Founder, Immunoshop
- ✔ Dr Arvind Venkatesan
Chief Commercial Officer, CrisprBits

Speaker

- ✔ Dr Anirvan Chatterjee
CEO & Co-Founder of Haystack Analytics

3.40 – 4.00 PM

Session-VIII Beyond Compliance: Intra-region Biomedical Waste Management & Leadership

Chairpersons

- ✔ Dr Anita Mutha
*Dean & CEO, Laxminarayan Pandey Govt Medical
College, Ratlam, MP*
- ✔ Dr Shashi Gandhi
*Professor & Head, Department of Microbiology,
Gajra Raja Medical College, Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh, India*
- ✔ Dr J Jayalakshmi
*Professor & Head, Department of Microbiology,
KMCH Institute of Health Sciences & Research, Coimbatore*

Speakers

- ✔ Dr Malini R. Capoor (Virtual)
*Professor, Vardhman Mahavir Medical College and
Safdarjung Hospital.*
- ✔ Dr Nilima Hirani (Virtual)
*Associate Professor, Microbiology Department, Grant Government
Medical College & Sir J. J. Group of Hospitals, Mumbai*
- ✔ Dr Sankar Sengupta
*Professor and Head of Laboratory medicine & Medical
Superintendent, Chittaranjan National Cancer Institute, Kolkata*

4.00 – 4.30 PM

Session-IX NAT Testing in Transfusion Medicine: Strengthening Blood Safety in India

Chairpersons

- ✔ Mr Pankaj Johri
Director & Head- Operations (Medical), National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL)
- ✔ Dr Richard Rumnong
Head – Lead Healthcare Consulting, Roche Diagnostics India
- ✔ Dr R K Chaurasia
Registrar, LNCT University, Bhopal
- ✔ Dr Kamini Khillan
Vice Chairperson, Blood Transfusion Medicine, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital

Speakers

- ✔ Dr Ashok Yadav
HOD Transfusion Medicine (IHBT) , Director -State of Art. Model Blood Centre, Superintendent M.G.M. Medical College & M.Y. Associated group of Hospitals, Director- Super Speciality Hospital (SSH) Indore
- ✔ Dr Sangeeta Pathak
Director & Head – Transfusion Medicine, Max Super Specialty Hospital, New Delhi

4.30 – 4.50 PM

Session-X Automation and AI in Advancing Diagnostic Quality

Chairpersons

- ✔ Dr Punita Bhatia
Technical & Lead Assessor, NABL
- ✔ Dr Ranu Tiwari Mishra
Prof. Department of Pathology, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Medical College, Jabalpur

Speaker

- ✔ Dr Arpita Roy Dam
Director & National Head Clinical Laboratory Excellence & Quality Assurance, Tata 1mg

4.50 – 5.10 PM

Session-XI Smart lab Automation Tailored for Future

Chairpersons

- ✔ Dr Sumitra Yadav
- ✔ Dr Deepa Mandloi
Executive Director, Institute of Cancer and Stem Cell Research (ICSR), Indore
- ✔ Dr Neena Somani

Speakers

- ✔ Dr Prashant Nag
Vice President, Clinical Excellence, Tata 1mg

5.10 – 5.40 PM

Session-XII The Right Tool for the Right Lab : Thoughts on PCR Platform Selection

Chairpersons

- ✔ Dr Dharmendra Sharma
Consultant CrisprBits
- ✔ Dr Poornima Dey Sarkar
Prof. & Head Department of Biochemistry, MGM Medical College, Indore

Speaker

- ✔ Dr. Kamles Kumar B. Patel
HOD Microbiology, SAIMS medical College & PG Institute

5.40 – 6.00 PM

Session-XIII Diagnostic innovation for a Sustainable Future

Chairpersons

- ✔ Dr Zubair Hasan
Pathologist and Lab Director, Central Laboratory, Syngene International, Bengaluru
- ✔ Dr Radhika Nandwani
Professor, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, Medical College, Jabalpur

Speaker

- ✔ Ms Sarika Singh - Abbott

8.00 PM

DANCE DINNER

After hours: celebrate, connect & unwind, from slides to strides, Let the lab coats Dance

HALL 1

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Dr Venkatesh Thuppil - Organizing Chair | Dr Santwana Verneker - Organizing Co Chair

3.00 -3.15 PM

H1 Session-I

Inappropriate lab testing-causes, possible solution and impact on staff well-being

Chairperson

✔ Dr Seema Bhargava
Senior Consultant & Chairperson, Department of Biochemistry, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi

✔ Dr J Jayalakshmi
Professor & Head, Department of Microbiology, KMCH Institute of Health Sciences & Research, Coimbatore

Speaker

✔ Prof Annalise Zemlin
Professor, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, Stellenbosch University; Senior Specialist, NHLS Tygerberg Hospital, Cape Town, South Africa

3.15 -3.40 PM

H1 Session-II

The CBC Sepsis Score: Turning Routine Hematology into Early Warning Intelligence

Chairperson

✔ Dr. Sunit Lokwani
Consultant Hematologist & Medical Oncologist, HCG Cancer Centre, Indore

✔ Dr Bhanu Pratap Singh
Medical Superintendent of Superspeciality Hospital, Director & Prof., Dept. of Pathology, Chattisgarh Institute of Medical Sciences, Bilaspur

Speakers

✔ Dr Varun Deshmukh
MD, FNB, EDIC, FCCU Consultant and Head, Critical Care Unit at Vishesh Jupiter Hospital

✔ Dr Milind Baldi
Consultant Chest Physician Vishesh Jupiter Hospital, Indore

3.40 – 4.00 PM

H1 Session-III Frontline Diagnostics: Rapid Pathogen Detection & Surveillance in the Fight Against AMR and HAIs

Chairperson

- ✔ Dr Shaikh Muhammad Khaliq
*Professor & Head, Department of Biochemistry
Amaltes Insitute of Medical Sciences, Dewas (MP)*
- ✔ Dr Raksha Bhatt
*Consultant Microbiologist & Infection Control Officer,
Manipal Hospitals, Millers Road, Bengaluru*

Speakers

- ✔ Dr Suhas Nirkhivale
*Director, Clinical Microbiology & Blood Transfusion,
Medicare Hospital, Indore*

4.00 – 4.20 PM

H1 Session-IV From Data to Defense : Diagnostic Intelligence for Infection Control and Pandemic Readiness

Chairperson

- ✔ Dr Mohd Talha Noor
Professor of Gastroenterology, Aurobindo Hospital
- ✔ Dr Jyoti Priyadarshani Shrivastava
*Professor, Dept.of Pathology
Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose medical College, Jabalpur*
- ✔ Dr Anila Mathan
*HOD, Laboratory Services
SR, consultant haematology and transfusion medicine,
Apollo Speciality Hospitals, Vangaram, Chennai*

Speakers

- ✔ Dr Milind Baldi
*Consultant – Pulmonary Medicine, Critical Care &
Sleep Medicine*
- ✔ Dr J Jayalakshmi
*Professor & Head, Department of Microbiology,
KMCH Institute of Health Sciences & Research, Coimbatore*

4.20 – 7.00 PM

H1 Session-V Paper Presentations

MAIN HALL

25 January 2026

10.00 – 10.30 AM

Session–XIV From Illness to Wellness: Integrating Predictive & Preventive Diagnostics

Chairpersons

- ✔ Dr Babu Narayanan
*Chief Business Officer & Head – Quality, GEM Hospital, Chennai
Chair – Small Health Care Organisation Wing, CAHO*
- ✔ Dr Ravi Gaur, Chairman
*Medical Advisory Committee, Onquest Laboratories Ltd &
Founder DRG Pathlab*

Speaker

- ✔ Dr Vijayanti Gupta
Chief Scientific Officer, CrisprBits

10.30 – 11.00 AM

Session–XV Automation in Haematology and flags

Chairperson

- ✔ Dr Komal Deshmukh
*Laboratory Director & Consultant Pathologist,
Star Superspeciality Laboratory, Nagpur*
- ✔ Dr Amit Varma
*Professor & Head Pathology Department, Lab
Director, SAIMS Clinical and Molecular Lab, Indore*

Speaker

- ✔ Dr Ashvini Sengupta
*Director Lab Services, Medica Superspecialty
Hospital, Kolkata*

11.00 – 11.30 AM

Session–XVI When Fluids Tell a Story: Interesting Cytology Cases and Analyzer Insights

Chairperson

- ✔ Dr Bikash Kumar Chowdhury
CEO & Senior Vice President – Diagnostics · Happiest Health

Speaker

- ✔ Dr Pankaj Gupta
Surgical Pathologist Owner, Blupath Lab, Ujjain

11.30 - 12.15 PM

Session-XVII Decoding Autoimmunity: New Diagnostic Frontiers and Evolving Clinical Insights

Chairperson

- ✔ Dr R Ravikumar
*Chief Coordinator NABH, Kidwai Memorial Institute Of
Oncology Research and Training Centre, Bangalore*
- ✔ Dr Anila Mathan
*HOD, Laboratory Services SR, consultant Haematology and
transfusion medicine, Apollo Speciality Hospitals, Vangaram,
Chennai*

Speakers

- ✔ Dr Aparna Jairam
*Chairman, Diagnostic Division
Consortium of Accredited Healthcare Organizations (CAHO)*
- ✔ Dr Arpita Roy Dam
*Director & National Head Clinical Laboratory Excellence &
Quality Assurance, Tata 1mg*

12.15 - 12.45 PM

Session-XVIII From Vein to Vial: Where It All Goes Wrong (Pre-Analytical Error)

Chairperson

- ✔ Dr Harshvardhan Singh
*Senior Biochemist, Department of Biochemistry, North DMC
Medical College & Hindu Rao Hospital, Delhi*
- ✔ Dr Niraj Gupta
- ✔ Dr Rashmi Nichlani

Speaker

- ✔ Dr Gaurav Shelgaonkar
*Consultant Pathologist & Chief Quality Officer Kokilaben Dhirubhai
Ambani Hospital, Indore*

12.45-1.15 PM

Session-XIX Accreditation & Beyond

Chairperson

✔ Dr Narin Sehgal
Medical Director, Sehgal Neo Hospital, Delhi

✔ Mr Renjith Krishnan
CEO, Kinder Hospitals Group

Speakers

✔ Dr Lallu Joseph
Secretary General, CAHO

✔ Dr Aparna Jairam
Chairman, Diagnostic Division, CAHO

1.15 – 2.30 PM

Valedictory Ceremony

2.30 ONWARDS

Lunch Break

HALL 1

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Dr Venkatesh Thuppil - Organizing Chair | Dr Santwana Verneker - Organizing Co Chair

8.00 – 11.00 AM

H1 Session VI – Paper Presentations

11.00 – 11.20 AM

H1 Session-VII
Redefining Histopathology through
Digital & AI-Driven Workflows

Chairperson

- ✔ Dr Neelkamal Kapoor
Prof & Head, AIIMS, Bhopal
- ✔ Dr Manisha Mishra
Director, Dr Manisha Mishra's Pathology Lab, Molbio Lab, Anathpath

Speakers

- ✔ Dr Vidya MN
Lead Consultant – Histopathology, Manipal Hospitals, Old Airport Road, Bangalore
- ✔ Dr Mahesh Deshmukh
Consultant Histopathologist & Head of Department, Alexis Multispeciality Hospital, Nagpur; Director, Phoenix Pathology Laboratory
- ✔ Dr Richard Rumnong
Head – Lead Healthcare Consulting, Roche Diagnostics India

11.20 – 11.40 PM

H1 Session-VIII Radiology –Radiologist – AI Bridging the GAP

Chairpersons

- ✔ Dr Pushpraj Bhatele
*Radiologist & Head, MRI Centre, Government Medical College
Campus, Jabalpur, President, Indian Radiological & Imaging
Association (IRIA)*
- ✔ Dr Rajendra Sodani
Managing Director & Founder, Sampurna Sodani Diagnostic Clinic
- ✔ Dr Pramod Lonikar
*Healthcare Consultant, Educator & Senior Leader in
Radiology Associations*

Speakers

- ✔ Mr Arpit Kothari
Chief Executive Officer, bodyScans & Dedomena Inc.
- ✔ Dr Shweta Nagar
*Director & Consultant Radiologist and Interventional Sonologist,
Dr. Shweta Nagar's Ultrasound Clinic and Imaging Centre, Indore*

11.40 – 12.10 PM

H1 Session-IX Diagnostics at the Legal Crossroads: Statutory Compliance & Insurance Readiness in India 2026 Hippocrates Oath

Chairperson

- ✔ Dr Manisha Mishra
*Director, Dr Manisha Mishra's Pathology Lab, Molbio Lab,
Anatpath*

Speakers

- ✔ Dr Jyoti Bungalowala
*Professor, Department of Pathology, Gajra Raja Medical College,
Gwalior*
- ✔ Adv. Vivek Dalal
*Dalal Advocates, Addl Advocate General, High Court
of MP*

Move to Main Hall

VALEDICTORY SESSION

24 January 2026

1.15 – 2.30 PM

Valedictory Session

1.20 – 1.25 PM

Chief Guest addresss

1.25 – 1.30 PM

Guest of Honor

1.30 – 1.35 PM

Launch of POCT

2.25 PM

National Anthem

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