

Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Maharashtra State Chapter of ASI held on 26th April 2026 at Pune

The Executive Committee Meeting of the Maharashtra State Chapter of the Association of Surgeons of India (MASI) was held on 26th April 2026 at Pune as per the notice issued by the Honorary Secretary dated 3rd March 2026. The meeting was called to order by the President, Dr. Anand Kamat. The following members were present: Dr. Anand Kamat (President MASI), Dr. Pratap Varute (Vice President ASI), Dr. Vikas Jain (Vice President MASI), Dr. Sachin Naik (Honorary Secretary MASI), Dr. Niranjana Agarwal, Dr. Ravindra Khot, Dr. Prachi Mahajan, Dr. Upendra Talathi, Dr. Prafulla Pradhan, Dr. Deepak Gugale, Dr. Amol Deshpande, Dr. Anil Heroor, Dr. Vijay Kanase, Dr. Rajendra Ganeriwal, and Dr. Rajendra Shinde (EC ASI). Leave of absence was granted to Dr. Sanjay Ghate (Treasurer MASI), Dr. Sameer Rege (Joint Secretary MASI), Dr. Pravin Suryavanshi (IPP ASI), Dr. Mahesh Malu (IPP MASI), Dr. Snehal Fegade, Dr. Nandkishore Katore, Dr. Rajendra Singh Arora, Dr. Sachin Jamma, Dr. Nikhil Chauhan, Dr. Novhil Brahmkar, Dr. Pramod Shinde (EC ASI), and Dr. Siddharth Dubhashi (EC ASI), who had informed the office of their inability to attend the meeting.

Honorary Secretary Dr. Sachin Naik welcomed President MASI Dr. Anand Kamat, all Executive Committee members, and ASI EC members. Dr. Sachin Naik ceremonially collared the President with the Presidential Medallion and requested him to call the meeting to order, following which the President formally commenced the proceedings.

The Honorary Secretary informed the house about the sad demise of Dr. Yogesh Saboo from Nagpur, Dr. Mangesh Pandit from Thane, and Dr. Arun Bhagwat from Akola. The members observed one minute of silence in respect to the departed souls.

The minutes of the previous Executive Committee Meeting held at Thane had been circulated via email earlier and were confirmed by Dr. Vikas Jain and Dr. Deepak Gugale.

The Honorary Secretary informed the house regarding the issue raised by the Mumbai Surgical Society during the General Body Meeting at Gondia concerning the ASICON Mumbai 2022 accounts. The matter had been further communicated to the Head Office and

the Mumbai Surgical Society. Dr. Niranjana Agarwal provided details of the audited report submitted, while Dr. Pratap Varute clarified the actual functioning and background of the matter. It was decided that the Honorary Secretary MASI would send a formal communication to the Head Office regarding the same.

Dr. Pratap Varute elaborated on the various ASI activities planned for the year, including weekly academic activities and newer initiatives such as “Healthy Surgeon Healthy Nation,” specialty-based modules in proctology and thyroid surgery, and research paper writing modules for medical college teachers. He also informed the house that National Sports Day celebrations would be organized at Chennai on 13th June 2026, with sports such as table tennis, badminton, chess, carrom, and cricket being planned. State chapters were encouraged to actively send participants. Blood donation drives and Surgeons’ Week celebrations would continue as in previous years. Dr. Rajendra Shinde shared additional details, and Dr. Snehal Fegade was appointed as the State Coordinator for these activities.

Dr. Rajendra Ganeriwal, Country Lead for the ASI Tree Plantation Programme, briefed the members about the initiative involving plantation and maintenance of 5000 trees over a two-year period. He urged all MASI members to participate actively and organize activities around occasions such as World Nature Conservation Day and Environment Day. Dr. Ganeriwal also discussed the ASI Breast Cancer Awareness Programme, and Dr. Anand Kamat suggested that Dr. Prachi Mahajan coordinate the initiative at the state level in view of her longstanding work in the field.

Dr. Pratap Varute circulated the revised rules for selection of the Best City Chapter and Best State Chapter awards and suggested that all city branches regularly submit reports of their activities to the Honorary Secretary MASI. It was clarified that city branches competing at the national level would not be considered for the state-level awards.

The proposed MASI elections for the term 2027–2029 were discussed, and it was resolved that the elections would be conducted in digital format as per ASI protocols. The President appointed Dr. Vikas Jain, Vice President MASI, as the Chief Election Officer, along with Dr. Mahesh Malu and Dr. Ajay Punpale as members of the Election Committee. The Executive Committee approved the use of the same vendor utilized for ASI elections. The detailed election schedule and rules would be presented in the next EC meeting.

The audited accounts for the year 2025–2026 were circulated and presented by the Honorary Secretary in the absence of the Treasurer. The accounts were approved by Dr. Niranjan Agarwal and Dr. Vikas Jain. It was further resolved that the MASI website maintenance charges be increased to Rupees Fifteen Thousand annually, which was approved unanimously. The proposal regarding repurposing the UTI units held by MASI, as suggested by Dr. Prafulla Pradhan and Dr. Anand Kamat, was also approved.

Dr. Vikas Jain formally handed over a cheque of Rupees Eight Lakhs to MASI as a donation from MASICON Gondia 2026.

Dr. Anil Heroor presented the preliminary report and preparations for MASICON Thane 2027. He informed the house that the conference would be held at The Westin, Powai, Mumbai, from 28th to 31st January 2027. Dr. R. M. Shinde suggested that all conference-related information should be made available on the Digi ASI App.

Under matters with the permission of the chair, Dr. Anand Kamat proposed that a formal protocol be established to invite the President of MASI as Chief Guest for all state and city branch activities, which was approved unanimously by the house. It was also decided that the next Executive Committee Meeting would be held at Nagpur for venue inspection, and Dr. Prachi Mahajan would communicate the dates. Further, it was suggested that during the Golden Jubilee MASICON next year, all past and present Presidents and Honorary Secretaries of MASI should be invited and felicitated.

There being no further points, the meeting concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by the Honorary Secretary, Dr. Sachin Naik.