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Hi Friends,

Greetings from the Editors desk.

The second issue of 'Samvaad' is being published this year.

Seasons Greetings and a Very Happy Deepawali to you and your family!

Dr. Prachi Mahajan, EC Member of MASI, has gracefully accepted the responsibility of complying and publishing of this Newsletter, for MASI.

My humble request to all, is to send complete data of any event conducted in your City, to the Secretary of MASI, Dr. Sachin Naik, along with Name of City/ City Chapter, Title of the event, Date, Venue, Names and Designations of Participants (in detail), and 2 – 3 pics of good quality, with the MASI and City Chapters Name and logo promptly displayed in the background banner.

I write this as most of the times, we don't get data, if we do, then there is a lot of guess work. We have to enlarge the pics to see the Name of event, date, etc. Details of participant is also not revealed and it is like 'Pehchan kaun?!' Emails have to sent back and forth to get the much-needed information. I am well aware that everyone is busy and compliance is painful, but imagine a newsletter with incomplete data!

Samvaad is 'The Voice of Maharashtra Surgeons', our pride! It deserves proper attention due to it!

Please do send in your feed back to the Hon. Sec., of MASI, who will forward it to the current Editorial board.

In this Second issue of 2024, we will cover events Alphabetically and Chronologically.

Happy reading!

Your Editor.

Akola:**25.02.2024: Social Awareness Camp:**

Surgical Society Akola, along with ICON Multi-speciality Hospital, conducted a Cancer detection Free Camp. 20 patients were registered, screened & will be operated in next 15 days.



The event was inaugurated at the hands of Mr. Girish Agrawal, MD of Shri Sant Tukaram Cancer hospital Akola. Dr. Santosh Somani MD of ICON multi-speciality hospital along with Dr. KK Agrawal, Dr. Ram Shinde, Dr. Ravindra Telkar, Dr. Umesh Gadpal, Dr. Madhusudan Bagdiya, Dr. Amit Bagdiya & others were present.

28.02.2024: Social Awareness program:

On the occasion of 'Science day', Surgical Society Akola, conducted a lecture on 'Adolescence' for children of Shivaji School. Lecture was delivered by Dr. Ajay Singh Chauhan. 200 students attended this Social Awareness program, in presence of Dr. Ranjit Sapkal, President, Surgical Society Akola.



Obituary for Dr. V. N. Shrikhande

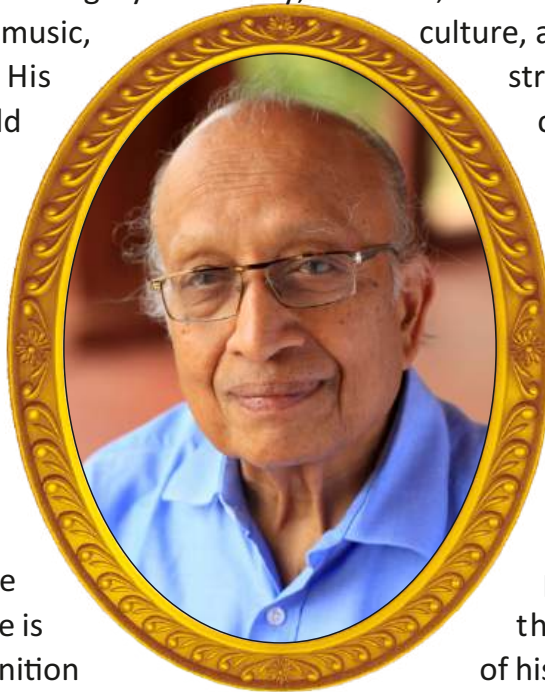
Dr. V. N. Shrikhande, an esteemed surgeon, philosopher, visionary leader, and revered teacher, has left for the heavenly abode, leaving an indelible mark on the world of medicine and on all who knew him. His unwavering dedication to his patients and to the advancement of surgical practices earned him respect and admiration from colleagues, students and patients alike.

Dr. Shrikhande was renowned for his pioneering work in surgical gastroenterology. His decades-long career, contributed immensely to the field, blending innovation with compassionate care. One of his innovative technique which he popularised in the early 70's, 'Re-anastomosis of Vas' gave hopes to many couples. His expertise, meticulous technique, and commitment to excellence set a high standard in surgical practice and patient care, and he was known as much for his kindness as for his skill. Those fortunate to work alongside him remember his mentorship, his dedication to continuous learning, and his ability to inspire those around him.

I was fortunate enough to work with him at Shrikhande clinic Dadar. Like many of his students I learnt many nuances of life other than just surgery. Humanity, kindness, a nationalist to the core, with a very sensitive mind for music,

dimensions of his character. His becoming a sought after world to become a surgeon and then surgeons with his mentoring, early days of practice to surgeons of India in last in sharing this journey with

He was invited to operate on India Shri Shankar Dayal Delhi. He was invited to deliver the country. He had special surgery and was one of the into such a complex surgeries. He is chapter of HPB surgery. In recognition and social services; Association of achievement award at Asicon2015.



culture, and literature, are just a few struggle of overcoming a stammer to class speaker in his field, a struggle to enable hundreds of expert struggle in getting a patient in getting listed among top 10 century- he took immense pride his colleagues.

his Excellency, President of Sharma at command hospital many prestigious orations across interest in very complex HPB pioneer in the country to venture the founder president of Indian of his surgical work, passion for teaching Surgeons of India awarded him life time

Beyond his professional achievements, Dr. Shrikhande was a family man, friend and philosopher. His warmth, humility, and humor brightened the lives of everyone who crossed his path. He was a source of strength and comfort to his loved ones, a guiding light whose memory will live on in the hearts of those he touched.

Dr. Shrikhande's legacy in the medical field will endure through the countless lives he saved, the knowledge and skills he imparted, and the inspiration he gave to the generations of medical professionals. He will be deeply missed, but his spirit will continue to guide and influence the practice of surgery and patient care.

Our thoughts are with his family, friends, and all those who feel the profound loss of Dr. V. N. Shrikhande. His life was a gift to all who knew him, and his legacy will remain a beacon of hope, compassion, and dedication for the generations of surgeons.

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Vice President, ASI 2023-24

29.02.2024: CME

A CME was conducted at the IMA hall, Akola, which was attended by 20 Members of SSA.



Speaker and Topics:

- 1- Dr Arjun Mudholkar (MCh Plastic Surgery) - Peripheral Nerve injury and graft repair.
- 2- Dr Sumeet Agrawal (MCh Urology) – Urodynamics.

Amravati:

07.03.2024: Social Awareness Camp:



Amravati Surgical Society along with Rotary Club, organised a 'Free Breast Cancer Awareness

Camp'. 25 patients were screened. Free Medicines were distributed. Those needing surgery, will be operated free of charge. Program was conducted by Dr. Seema Sule, President & Dr. Rajendra Arora, Amravati Surgical Society. 23 members of the Society attended this camp. Old patients of Ca Breast were felicitated.

08.03.2024: Social Awareness Program:

International Woman's Day was celebrated by delivery of 3 motivational talks at the Tulip Hall, IMA, Amravati. Program was attended by 38 people. Conducted by Dr. Seema Sule, President, Amravati Surgical Society.



Chatrapati Sambhaji Nagar:

Aurangabad Surgical Society & Dept. of Surgery, MGM Medical College and Hospital, hosted a Surgical meet, Proctology 2024.

Workshop was by Dr. Kamal Gupta, Hon. Sec., ACRSI, Dr. Niranjan Agarwal, Past President & Vice Chairman, Fellowship Board, ACRSI & Dr. Atul Deshpande, Jt Academic Convener, ACRSI.

Invited lecture on: Day Care Surgery: Advantages and Protocols, was delivered by Dr. T. Naresh Row, President, The Indian Association of Day Surgery, & Hon. Sec. General of The International Association for Ambulatory Surgery.



The meeting was attended Dr. Pravin Suryawanshi, President Elect/VP ASI, along with 150 members of Surgical Society and Dept of Surgery.

Chandrapur:

27.02.2024: CME:

A Surgical academic activity was conducted at Chandrapur by Association of surgeon of Chandrapur under MASI. Eminent Endoscopist and Gastroenterologist Dr. Saurabh Mukhewar from Nagpur, delivered a talk on "Role of endoscopist in Surgical conditions." Program was presided by Dr. Sachin Sardeshpande, President Surgeons Association Chandrapur. The activity was conducted by Dr. Rupesh Sondawale, Hon. Sec., Surgeons Association Chandrapur. 25 surgeons from Chandrapur district



attended the activity. At this CME, Dr Sanjay Ghate was felicitated by Surgeons Association Chandrapur for getting elected as Treasurer MASI.

Patient's convenience and safety is our prime concern.

Mumbai Surgical Society:

10.03.2024: Conference:

'MSSCON 2024' was held on this day, with Guest Lectures, Panel Discussions, Hands-on Training 7 Basic Skill courses for PG students, Paper and Video Presentations were Judged and Prizes were distributed. Scientific program was simultaneously being conducted in two Halls. 250 delegates and PG Students attended the event.



Oration was delivered by Dr. Shivkumar Utture, VP IMA National. Inauguration was done by Dr. Ajay Punpale, President, MASI.



Elections for the new body was held during the AGM. A new team under the Parentship of Dr. Shishir Shetty was installed. The Conference was conducted by Dr. Rajesh Yadav, President, MSS, Dr. Debashish Das, Hon. Secretary, MSS, Dr. Satish Dharap, Treasurer, MSS. Convener: Dr. Kishore Adyanthaya and Co-Convener: Dr. Amit Desai and Dr. Atiya Lambe.

23.03.2024: Workshop:

Live Operative Workshop and CME on: Breast Surgery.

The program was conducted by Dr. Satish Dharap, HOD, Dept of Surgery, TNMC & BYL Nair Hospital, along with Dept of Medical Oncology and Dept of Plastic Surgery. The Association of Breast Surgeons of India, supported the Day Long program.



Organising Secretary was Dr. Jayshree Pandaya. Participants were: Dr. Anjali Dawle, Director of Education, West Zone, ABSI. Dr. Smruti Ghetla, HOD

Surgery, HBTMC & Dr. R. N. Coopar Hospital, Dr. Shilpa Rao, Chief, Breast Disease Division of KEM Hospital.

27.03.2024 & 06.06.2024: PG Skill Training:



Dr. Dnyanesh Belekar, HOD, Dept. of Surgery, Terna Medical College, regularly conducts Hands-on training course for 'Basic Surgical Knotting and Suturing'. More

than 100 students participate in this program.

20.06.2024, 01.08.2024 & 20.09.2024: Social Awareness Camps:



Several two-day Camps were conducted by Dr. Dilip Rajpal, EC Member of MSS, under the Banner of MSS and Chirayu Healthcare, at several places:

Satyam Hospital and Apollo Specter Hospital, in Ghatkopar and Chembur.

Patients were guided after screening for Varicose Veins Disease. Ranging from initial stage to Venous Ulcers. Free Colour Doppler and Stockings were distributed. Surgical procedures at concessional rates were also performed.



24.05.2024 & 31.05.2024: Social Awareness Camp:



Dr. Shishir Shetty, President, MSS, conducted two Camps on

Awareness. One on Ovarian Cancers and the Other on 'World No Tobacco Day', for factory employees.



05.06.2024: Blood Donation Camp:



ASI Blood Donation program was conducted by Dr. Satish Dharap, Hon. Sec, MSS at TNMC & BYL Nair Hospital. Residents and staff of Dept. of Surgery participated in this drive and collected 30 units of blood.

Association of Surgeons of Nagpur:

05.03.2024: Soc Awareness:



'Protection of Children from Sexual Offence (POCSO act) and Gender Equality' to mark the occasion of International Women's Day, ASN, IMA &

MASI, came together to create awareness by hosting a lecture delivered by

Dr. Ramya Nisal. She talked about various aspects of Child Sexual Abuse, its incidence, ways adopted by the abusers, necessity of early identification of the victims and ways to prevent and help the victims. In presence of Dr. Prachi Mahajan, President, ASN and Dr. Manju President Elect IMA, Nagpur.

08.03.2024: Surgical Camp:



A two-day Surgical Camp was organised at 'Search' in Gadchiroli. Team of surgeons led by Dr Y. S. Deshpande Past President,

ASN; Dr Prachi Mahajan (President ASN and EC member of MASI), Dr Mrinalini Borkar (Sec., ASN), Dr Kanhaiya Chandak (President Elect ASN), Dr Prarthini Lande, Dr Ramesh Dharvath, Dr Naveen Sonanvane, Dr Shreyansh Jain, Dr Swapnil Prasad, Dr Subodh Behara, Dr Vaibhav Pandhare, Dr Nityanand Chillale (Residents of GMC). The anesthesia team: Dr Saurabh Barade, Dr Kirti Gujarkar, Dr Roshani and Dr Deepali. Operated on 49 patients.

21.03.2024: Soc Awareness Program:



ASN & Dept of Surgery, IGGMC, Nagpur, under 'Breast Cancer: Awareness and Treatment Mission' conducted a 'Breast Cancer Awareness program for the staff members and students. Dr Prachi Mahajan, President, ASN delivered a talk on importance of early detection and proper treatment of breast cancer and Breast Self-

Examination. Two 'Breast Cancer Warriors', Mrs. Pramila Motghare, and Mrs Hemlata Pimpalkar, of IGGMC, shared their experience of their fight with breast cancer. They were felicitated at the hands of Dr Manik Gedam and Dr Prachi Mahajan. Around 150 delegates attended the program.

06.04.2024: CME & Workshop:

HERNIA CONCLAVE LIVE OPERATIVE WORKSHOP:



A total of 10 complex hernia repairs with advanced technological support were shown. The Guest Faculties were Dr. Ashwin Masurkar, and Dr. Rahul Mahadar. Local Operating Faculties

were Dr. B. S. Gedam, Dr. Raj Gajbhiye, Dr. Prashant Rahate, Dr. Mukund Thakur, and Dr. Vikas Jain. Dr. Prashant Rahate was Chairman, Hernia Conclave. Dr. Kanhaiya Chandak President (2024-25) made opening welcome speech. Over 100 delegates and Post Graduate students attended the programme.

07.04.2024: Annual Conference:

New Team of ASN, lead by Dr. Kanahya Chandak, President and Dr. Abhay Chaudhari, Hon. Sec. was done at the Installation Ceremony, along with other members of the Executive Committee.



Dr. C. Palanivelu was the Chief Guest and Delivered the Silver Jubilee Oration. Dr. Dhananjaya Kelkar, Medical Director of Deenanath Mangeshkar Hospital, was the Guest of Honour and delivered the Late Dr. Arvind Joglekar Memorial Oration.

The outgoing President, Dr. Prachi Mahajan, announced that ASN has received "Best Society for Social Awareness Programmes 2023-24" at the recently concluded ASICON.

18.05.2024: CME:

'COMPLICON', Complications in Proctology, a two-day conference, attended by who-is-who in Proctology, discussing their experience on complications faced in their practice and how to prevent them.



A unique meet, organised by Dr. Prashant Rahate and ASN. 200 delegates attended this CME.

26.07.2024: SELSICON

A two-day West zone conference -SELSI (Society of Endoscopic



and Laparoscopic Surgeon of India) in association with ASN was held on 26th and 27th July. Lectures and panel discussion with master video and video-based lectures on complications, live telecast of surgeries

from Care hospitals and GMC Nagpur. Robotic surgeries demonstration was done from GMC Nagpur by Dr Raj Gajbhiye, Dean, GMC, who was the Chief Guest. Total 12 surgeries were carried out.

03.08.2024: Soc Awareness Program:



Organ Donation Awareness Rally, was organised by ASN along with IMA, at GMC, Nagpur.

Nashik Surgical Society:

20.04.2024: CME:



Dr. Pradeep Sharma, President, ACRSI, delivered a lecture on 'Work, Life and Balance, lessons learnt', Attended by

70 Members of NSS.

04.05.2024: CME:



A Three-day conference was organised by NSS along with HCG Manavata Hospital and MASI: 'Frontiers in Oncosurgery'. A National Faculty, delivered 84 lectures on various topics in Cancer Surgery, attended by 100 delegates.

12.05.2024: Soc Awareness Program:

On the occasion of Nurses Day, a program was organised by NSS at Hindu Hriday Samrat Balasaheb Thakare hospital, Nashik Road. Dr. Abhinav Gade, Urologist delivered a lecture on Urinary catheterisation- how to do it and care of catheterised patient. Dr. Sachin Deore, General Surgeon delivered a lecture on aseptic precautions.



25.05.2024: Hands On training Workshop:

A two-day ASI Upper GI Endoscopic Training Program was conducted by Dr. Advay Aher, 13 candidates



received hands-on training, in presence of Dr. Ajay Punpale, President-MASI, Dr. Sachin Naik, Hon. Sec.-MASI, Dr. Prashant Muthal, President-NSS, Dr. Sachin Deore, Hon. Sec.-NSS, Dr. Pramod Shinde, and others.

29.06.2024: Skill Enhancement Workshop:

A Two-Day Skill Enhancement Program of ASI (SEPA), was conducted by Dr. Swapnil Parakh, Course Convener and Dr. Pramod Shinde, Patron of the program. It was a training program in "Perianal Disease'.

Live demonstration & Lectures on anorectal surgeries for piles, fissure, fistula in ano, pilonidal sinus, which includes LASER hemorrhoidoplasty (LHP), LASER pilonidal sinus, Chivates procedure, lateral sphincterotomy, hemorrhoidectomy, fistulotomy, Filac, fistulectomy.



20 surgeons have attended this training program and all of them were from different parts of Maharashtra.

Poona Surgical Society:

24.03.2024: PSSCON 2024:

Annual Conference of Poona Surgical Society was conducted on 24th March, 2024. Live Surgical Workshop was held on 23rd March, 2024.



Program was Inaugurated by Dr. Pravin Suryawanshi, Vice President-ASI, Dr. Ajay Punpale, President-MASI, Dr. Sachin Naik, Hon. Sec.-MASI, Dr. Pramod Shinde, Dr. Ramesh Dumbre, Dr. Jaisingh Shinde, Dr. Makarand Doiphode, President-PSS, Dr. Prafulla Tamaskar, Hon. Sec.-PSS, Dr. Bharat Dikshit, Treasurer-PSS and others.

19.04.2024: CME:

'Safety and Precautions during Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy', a Panel discussion, was attended by 36



Surgeons. The session also had a video contest with First Prize given to Dr. Jyotsna Kulkarni for her video titled 'Laparoscopic Cholecystoduodenal fistula' and first runner up to

Dr. Pradeep Sharma for his video 'Lap Subtotal Cholecystectomy'.

02.05.2024: CME:

Poona Surgical Society (PSS) had organised a lecture by prominent Robotic Surgeon and Proctor Dr. Jagannath Dixit on 02-May-2024 on the topic "Robotic Surgery in GI cancers". Dr. Dixit elaborated about many new advances in Robotic Technology and emphasized regarding principles of Robotic surgery



The meeting was attended by around 40 surgeons followed by an interactive Q&A session.

05.05.2024: Workshop:

The Association of Minimal Access Surgeons of India (AMASI) and PSS, jointly organized a highly anticipated National Hernia Surgery Workshop at Siddhakala Hospital, Manchar. The event saw the participation of distinguished surgeons from both national and international arenas, contributing their expertise to a dynamic and informative session.

Dr. Ramesh Dumbre, representing both AMASI and PSS, along with Dr. Sameer Rege, Vice President of the West Zone of AMASI, were prominent figures at the workshop. Their involvement highlighted the collaborative spirit of the event and the dedication to advancing surgical techniques and knowledge.



The workshop featured remarkable performances from surgeons such as Dr. Prafulla Tamaskar of the Poona Surgical Society, Dr. Chetan Mhaske, Dr. Niraj Raite, Dr. Suprashant Kulkarni, and Dr. Sachin Naik, Secretary of the Maharashtra Chapter of the Association of Surgeons of India (MASI). These experts showcased their advanced skills through complex laparoscopic surgeries, including 4 inguinal hernia repairs using advanced AWR techniques like TEP, TAPP, and e-TEP. One laparoscopic cholecystectomy was also demonstrated. The workshop watched by more than 350 doctors through "Lapguru."

09.06.2024: Tree Plantation Drive:

PSS has celebrated World Environmental Day this year with Plantation of 51 Saplings at TALAJAI Pachgaon Parvati Forest PUNE.



The theme of World Environment Day 2024 is 'Land Restoration, Desertification and Drought Resilience'. This is the third successive year of WED celebration and >200 trees are planted by us. Dr. Bharat Dikshit, Dr. Rakesh Neve, Dr. Prafulla Tamaskar, Dr. Shiva Khandalkar, Dr. Prafulla Pradhan, Dr. Sudhir Kothari had taken active participation along with many members.

09.06.2024: Soc Awareness:

As our dependency on technology is increasing, we are increasing polluting the planet with toxic e-Waste. To help reduce this e-waste pile-up PSS organised an e-Waste collection drive. PSS collected e-waste from all members and then donated it at Shaniwar Wada, for recycling purposes.

10.06.2024: CME & Workshop:

An AWRSC program, organised by PSS was an unprecedented success, with 192 attendees, including the esteemed faculties.

The day-long event was aimed at sharing the latest advances in surgical anatomy, radiology, surgical techniques and advancements in AWR and hernia procedures. It was a privilege to coordinate such an impactful event that brought together top AWR experts from the field.

There were talks encompassing all procedures that have survived the EVOLUTION of hernia surgery from Tissue repairs to state-of-the-art Robotic surgery by eminent faculties like President Dr. Pramod Shinde, Trustee Dr. Ramesh Punjani, Dr. Rahul Mahadar, Dr. Sharad Sharma, Dr. Jignesh Gandhi, Dr. Eham Arora, Dr. Deepak Subramanian, Dr. Sameer Rege, Dr. Sanjay Sonar, Dr. Ganesh Shenoy.



An eye opener lecture "AWR in 2024- what's hot and what's not, by Founder President Dr. Ramana B., was a reality check for everyone and delivered important messages. The talks were followed by Panel discussions first of which was moderated by Dr Suprashant Kulkarni and panelist's involved all national faculties. The subject was 'complex Ventral and incisional hernias. Another important panel discussion about 'HERNIAS in special situations' like pregnancy, kidney and liver diseases, obesity, moderated by Dr. Aditya Kulkarni.

15.06.2024: Blood Donation Drive:

In response to the call given by ASI, PSS organised blood donation camp at two different venues 1. At Poona Hospital & Research Centre and 2. At MIMER medical college, Talegaon.



A total of 20 Blood Units were collected through the voluntary participations of PSS members.

21.06.2024: CME:

A CME on clinically relevant subject of Diabetic foot was organised. Dr. Praful Pradhan gave an exhaustive talk about foot dynamic and different ways of preventing and managing diabetic foot ulcers. Dr. Kiran Jadhav



enumerated the various devices that can be used for pressure off-loading and this was followed by actual demonstration of various orthotic appliances. This CME was attendance by 50 delegates.

24.06.2024: Soc Awareness Camp:

Full Day Warkari Health Camp was conducted at Sant Gadgebaba Dharmashala. During the Pune transit of Palkhi from Dehu to Pandharpur. The camp was attended by



Dr. Bharat Dikshit, Dr. Rakesh Neve, Dr. Praful Tamaskar, Dr. Mandar Doiphode, Dr. Praful Pradhan, Dr. Sachin Naik, Dr. Kiran Jadhav and Dr. Mahesh Thombare.

Around 352 patients were examined for routine illness and free medicines were distributed to them. In view of the rampant use of Tobacco amongst the Warkaris tobacco counselling and early detection of tobacco induced lesions was done through a newly developed 'AI-Tool'. 62 patients were found to have pre-malignant lesions and one cancer was detected. The Poona Surgical Society (PSS) also distributed free raincoats and umbrellas to 225 Warkaris.

10.07.2024: Soc Awareness:

The annual marathon to spread the awareness of the harmful



effects of tobacco and to appeal to people to quit tobacco habit

was held with association with Lifepoint Multispeciality Hospital, Wakad, Pune. A total of around 190-200 participants from various fields like IT Professionals, Teachers, College Students, Doctors, Dentists participated in the event.

Thane Surgical Society:

15.02.2024: Workshop:



Surgical Society Thane endorsed a Live Workshop cum training course on Laparoscopic Hernia (Inguinal & Ventral). Course Director – Dr. Mandar Gadgil.

21.02.2024: CME:

Panel Discussion on 'Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy in



Complex Situations'. Here we see Dr. Pinky Thapar, Dr. Sanjay Sonar, Dr. Mahadeo Garale among others.

07.03.2024: CME:



A lecture on 'Use of Technology in Surgery'.

23.03.2024: CME & Workshop:

'SSTCON 2024' a two-day Annual Conference of Thane Surgical Society was held on 23rd & 24th March, 2024.

Dr. N. Saileshwar delivered the Late Dr. H. S. Bhanushali Memorial Oration. The Program was graced by Dr. Ajay Pimpale, President-MASI and Dr. Sachin Naik, Hon. Sec.-MASI.



Editor's note:

The Voice of Maharashtra Surgeons-Samvaad, by its biannual publication, not only completes the formality required by ASI, it also tries to join MASI, by way of spreading the 'News' from all the City Chapters under MASI.

The Collection of this publishable material is from the MASI Honorary Secretaries office, who, can only forward the 'reporting' received by his good office!

Over the past 7 years that I have been editing Samvaad, I have realised that reporting is extremely poor at its best. Most City chapters are dependent on the Honorary Secretary to 'do the needful'. This is not enough. I must say, that some of the reports, for example, received from Dr. Rakesh Neve, Hon. Sec.- PSS are excellent, I just had to copy-paste it!

This will make the job of the Hon. Sec. easier and the future Editors of Samvaad.

Jai ASI, Jai MASI!

- Naresh Row

MASICON 2025:

Warm greetings from the Organizing Committee of MASICON 2025!



Dr. Anand Kamat
Organising Secretary,
MASICON 2025

It is our great pleasure and honor to extend an invitation to you for the 47th Annual Conference of the Maharashtra State Chapter of the Association of Surgeons of India, scheduled to take place from February 6th to 9th 2025. We are thrilled to host this significant event for the fourth time, entrusted to the

capable hands of the Kolhapur Surgical Society (K.S.S.) City Chapter of ASI.

Website for Registration:

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Congratulations Dr. Roy Patankar, Past President of MASI, was invited as a speaker at the Harvard MINT foregut programme. He spoke on his experience on the new PORSHA flap for recurrent hiatus hernias!

For a stronger Maharashtra, we need more members. Please help more surgeons to become Life Members of ASI, by following: [Member Application – The Association of Surgeons of India](#)
Its never been so easy!