



Association of Minimal Access Surgeons of India (AMASI)

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Date: Saturday, 29th August 2026

Time: 18:30

Venue: Biswa Bangla Convention & Exhibition Center, Kolkata

AGENDA

1. Welcome Address - Dr. Kalpesh Jani
2. Condolences
3. Confirmation of minutes of the previous Annual General Body meeting held on 30th August 2025 and the minutes of the EC meetings held during 2025-2026
4. Any matter arising out of Agenda item No. 3
5. Activity Report of the year 2025-2026 by Secretary, AMASI
6. Treasurer's Report of the year 2025-2026 by Treasurer, AMASI
7. To appoint and fix the remuneration for the Auditor for FY 2025-2026
8. MOU signing with Collaborating Association – SSN, Nepal; SLAMADS and Sri Lankan College of Surgeons; ALRSGBI, UK
9. AMASICON 2027 Update
10. AMASICON 2028 – Venue Bids
11. Report on Academic Activities of the College of MAS by the Secretary, College of MAS.
12. Declaration of election results by Chief Election Officer Dr P. Senthilnathan
13. Launch of AMASI Video Library
14. Award for best performing zone and Felicitation of Conveners of academic activity.
15. Certificate of Appreciation for Prof. R. Venkatachalam and Dr. Khanna.
16. Constitutional amendment: Post of Technical Director to be eligible for elective posts of Secretary, Treasurer, Sr. Vice-President, President Elect.
17. Any other Matter with permission of the Chair
18. Vote of Thanks
19. Transition of Presidency
 - i. Outgoing President: Dr Kalpesh Jani
 - ii. Incoming President: Dr P Senthilnathan
 - iii. Handover of proceedings to the new President

With regards

Dr Roshan Shetty
Honorary Secretary



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Annual General Body Meeting Minutes

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Time: 18:30

Venue: Rajasthan International Centre, Jaipur, Rajasthan

Chairperson: Dr. Kalpesh Jani, President, AMASI

1. Welcome Address – Dr. Kalpesh Jani

Dr. Kalpesh Jani, President of AMASI, welcomed all members to the Annual General Body Meeting held during AMASICON 2025 at Jaipur. He thanked the members for their presence and acknowledged their continued support and participation in AMASI activities throughout the year 2024–2025. He also placed on record his appreciation of the Organising Committee of AMASICON 2025, Jaipur, for the arrangements made for the conference.

2. Condolences

No condolences were reported for the year 2024–2025.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

Previous AGM (17th August 2024, Hyderabad):

- The minutes of the previous Annual General Body Meeting held on 17th August 2024 at Shilpakala Vedika, Shilparamam, HITEC City, Hyderabad were presented to the members.
- Members reviewed and unanimously confirmed and approved the minutes.

Executive Meetings:

The minutes of the following Executive Committee meetings held during 2024–2025 were presented and confirmed:

- Executive Committee Meeting on 25th October 2024 – Virtual (Zoom), 8:00 PM
- Executive Committee Meeting on 11th February 2025 – Virtual (Zoom), 8:00 PM
- Executive Committee Meeting on 7th April 2025 – Virtual (Zoom), 8:00 PM
- Executive Committee Meeting on 4th June 2025 – Virtual (Zoom), 8:00 PM
- Executive Committee Meeting on 8th July 2025 – Virtual (Zoom), 8:00 PM

All minutes were unanimously approved by the members.

4. Any Other Matter Arising Out of Agenda Item No. 3

Members had the opportunity to discuss any additional matters arising from the previous minutes. No significant issues were raised or discussed.



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5. Activity Report of the Year 2024–2025 by Secretary, AMASI

Dr. Roshan Shetty A, Honorary Secretary, presented the Activity Report for the period September 2024 to August 2025, highlighting the achievements and initiatives undertaken by AMASI during the year.

Key Highlights of 2024–2025

Business Meetings Conducted:

- Annual General Body Meeting on 17th August 2024 at Shilpakala Vedika, Shilparamam, HITEC City, Hyderabad
- Five Executive Committee meetings held virtually on 25th October 2024, 11th February 2025, 7th April 2025, 4th June 2025 and 8th July 2025

AMASI LENS Live Surgery Programme:

Coordinated by Dr. Sameer Rege, Joint Secretary. Eleven live surgery sessions were conducted on the third Thursday of every month at 19:00 IST, with a total of 10,320 participants, an average of 938 participants per session and a peak attendance of 1,450. The sessions featured eleven faculty from India and International. It covered donor hepatectomy, thoracoscopic thymectomy, radical total gastrectomy, extended right hemicolectomy, distal pancreatectomy, minigastric bypass, robotic thyroidectomy, CBD exploration, ETEP for ventral hernia, thoracolaparoscopic oesophagectomy and MIPH.

CME Programme Series:

Coordinated by Dr. Rajdeep Singh, Joint Secretary. Nine monthly CME sessions were delivered in a fully virtual format on the first Thursday of every month at 20:00 IST, featuring faculty from six countries — India, the United Kingdom, Russia, Australia, Sri Lanka and Switzerland — across colorectal, upper GI, hernia, robotic and oncological surgery, with a permanent video library for members.

AMASI Skill Courses (FMAS):

Eleven skill courses were conducted across the country, training 1,676 participants and awarding 1,480 FMAS certifications.

Location	Convenor	Participants	FMAS Awarded
Lucknow	Dr. Abhishek Agarwal	185	164
Mumbai	Dr. Nitin Borle	84	82
Bangalore	Dr. Muralidharan S Kathalagiri	182	172
Cuttack	Dr. Joti Kumar Nayak	166	137
Jabalpur	Dr. Vishal Kalla	125	99
Vadodara	Dr. Chirag Parikh	129	110
Salem	Dr. J Sridhar	168	139
Nagpur	Dr. Prashant V Rathate	163	148
Guntur	Dr. Jayasala Reddy Velagala	191	176



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Location	Convenor	Participants	FMAS Awarded
Jaipur	Dr. Shalu Gupta	154	139
Guwahati	Dr. Abhilash Goyal	129	114
Total	11 courses	1,676	1,480

MMAS (Mastery in Minimal Access Surgery) Courses:

Five MMAS programmes were conducted with 277 participants, of whom 148 were awarded the MMAS fellowship.

Specialty	Location	Convenor	Participants	Awardees
Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary	Delhi	Dr. Anil Agarwal	56	41
Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary	Puducherry	Dr. Kalairasan	45	36
Hernia Surgery	Jaipur	Dr. Rajendra Mandia	107	26
Colorectal Surgery	Kochi	Dr. Prakash K	35	23
Upper GI & Bariatric Surgery	Delhi	Dr. Rajendra Prasad	34	22
Total	5 programmes		277	148

NextGen Programme:

Launched in the Eastern Zone and subsequently extended nationally, the NextGen Programme completed fourteen sessions across eight states, training over 490 young surgeons. The programme combines interactive lectures, dry demonstrations, instructional videos and hands-on training on wet tissue, endo-trainers and mannequins, with a maximum of 35 candidates per session. Host institutions included Hitech Medical College Bhubaneswar, IQ City Medical College Durgapur, Assam Medical College Dibrugarh, RIMS Imphal, NRS Medical College Kolkata, Patna Medical College, SCB Medical College Cuttack, Medical College Sambalpur, Tezpur Medical College, IMA Jaipur, Mallareddy Medical College Hyderabad, ESI PGIMS Joka and Karnataka Medical College Hubli.

Safe Lap Chole Programme:

Under the national coordination of Dr. Jugindra, seven Safe Lap Chole programmes were conducted across all zones — Kolkata, Pune, Hubli, Tezpur, Ropar, Soka and Surat — in collaboration with regional surgical associations, to promote safe laparoscopic cholecystectomy practice.

Other Academic Programmes:



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In addition to the above, thirty-four CMEs, workshops, cadaveric and live-animal training programmes and rural surgical camps were conducted across the five zones between September 2024 and July 2025, reflecting the association's commitment to both skill development and community outreach.

AMASI Zone Champion of Excellence 2025:

The inter-zonal performance competition results were declared. The East Zone was adjudged the winner with 69 points from 26 events, followed by the South Zone (53 points, 15 events), Central Zone (48 points, 12 events), West Zone (43 points, 14 events) and North Zone (21 points, 6 events). The House congratulated the East Zone and appreciated the efforts of all Zonal Vice-Presidents and their teams.

The report was well received by the members and formally accepted.

6. Treasurer Report of the Year 2024–2025 by Treasurer, AMASI

Dr. Biswarup Bose, Treasurer, presented the audited consolidated accounts for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Particulars	Amount (₹)
Total Income	5,27,65,014
Total Expenditure	4,95,71,693
Net Surplus for the year	31,93,321
Corpus Fund as on 31.03.2025	4,65,55,614

AMASICON 2024, Hyderabad closed the year with a surplus of ₹46,90,737.

The Treasurer recommended that the audited consolidated accounts for the year ended 31st March 2025 be adopted. The financial report was thoroughly reviewed and unanimously accepted by the members.

7. Appointment and Remuneration of Auditor for FY 2024–2025

Members discussed the appointment of the auditor for the financial year 2024–2025. After deliberation, it was unanimously agreed to continue with the existing auditors, M/s. Selvam & Co., Chartered Accountants, on the same remuneration as fixed for the previous year.



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8. Report on the Progress of AMASICON 2026, Kolkata by Organising Secretary

The Organising Secretary, Dr. Tamonas Chaudhuri, presented a progress report on AMASICON 2026, the 21st International Conference of AMASI, to be hosted by the Bengal chapter at Kolkata.

AMASICON 2026 – Highlights

- Organising Chairman: Dr. Abhimanyu Basu
- Organising Secretary: Dr. Tamonas Chaudhuri
- National Coordinator: Dr. Biswarup Bose
- Organising Treasurer: Dr. Seraj Ahmed
- Venue: Biswa Bangla Convention Centre, Kolkata, West Bengal
- Dates: 27th to 30th August 2026

The Organising Secretary briefed the House on the venue arrangements, the proposed scientific programme, faculty invitations, registration and accommodation plans, and the status of sponsorship and trade participation. The House appreciated the preparations and extended full support to the Organising Committee.

Members were informed that the full conference details, including the scientific programme, registration and accommodation, are available on the conference website, www.amasicon2026.com.

9. Report on the Journal of AMASI and Academic Activities of the College of MAS

The Secretary, College of MAS, presented an update on the Journal of AMASI and the academic activities of the College of MAS. Key points included:

- The Association's journal, the Annals of Minimal Access Surgery and Allied Science (AMASAS), an official publication of AMASI and the College of AMASI, was formally launched on 14th June 2025.
- The inaugural issue — Volume 1, Issue 1, January–April 2025 — has been published and runs to 45 pages, carrying editorials, review articles, original research and case reports. The journal appears three times a year — January–April, May–August and September–December — and the second issue of Volume 1, covering May–August 2025, was under production. The journal is hosted online with Wolters Kluwer (Lippincott) at journals.lww.com/amas.
- The editorial board is headed by Dr. Vikram Kate (JIPMER, Puducherry) as Editor-in-Chief, with Dr. C. Palanivelu as Patron, Dr. Kalayarasan Raja as Editor, Dr. Abhimanyu Basu as Executive Editor and Dr. Tamonas Chaudhuri and Dr. Anandhi Amaranathan as Deputy Editors, supported by associate editors across upper GI, hepatopancreatobiliary and lower GI surgery and an international advisory board.
- Members were encouraged to submit original articles, review articles and case reports to the journal.



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- Academic activities of the College of MAS — the FMAS and MMAS programmes, examinations, convocation and certification — continue to strengthen the educational framework of the association.

10. Launch of the AMASI App and the Revamped AMASI Website

The AMASI mobile application and the newly redesigned AMASI website (www.amasi.org) were formally launched during the meeting. The House was briefed on the features now available to members, including the digital membership card, FMAS/MMAS certificate access, online membership application and status tracking, the events and CME calendar, the AMASI video library, the newsletter archive and the members' directory / membership number lookup.

The launch was performed by the President, Dr. Kalpesh Jani, along with the office bearers on the dais. In place of a conventional launch, the members present were invited to download the application there and then from the Apple App Store and the Google Play Store and to open it on their own mobile phones, so that the app went live on the members' devices at the moment of launch.

Members were requested to download the application and update their profile details so that the membership database remains current. The initiative was welcomed by the House.

11. Constitutional Amendment: Renaming of 'Zonal Vice-President' to 'Zonal Chairperson'

The Honorary Secretary placed before the House the proposed amendment to the Constitution of AMASI to rename the post of 'Zonal Vice-President' as 'Zonal Chairperson', with a corresponding change wherever the term appears in the Constitution and Bye-laws. It was clarified that the amendment relates only to the nomenclature of the post and does not alter its powers, duties, tenure or the manner of election.

The amendment was proposed by Dr. Anand Vijai N. and seconded by Dr. Prakash Kumar Sasmal, and after discussion it was carried and unanimously adopted by the General Body. The Honorary Secretary was authorised to incorporate the change in the Constitution and to carry out the consequential filings, if any.

12. Venue of AMASICON 2027

Dr. Rajeshkumar P Shrivastava, Zonal Vice-President, West Zone, presented the details of the proposal for hosting AMASICON 2027. After evaluation of the proposals and bids received, it was unanimously decided that AMASICON 2027, the 22nd International Conference of AMASI, will be held at Surat, Gujarat. The West Zone will take responsibility for organising the conference, and the organising committee will be constituted in consultation with the Executive Committee.

13. Any Other Matter with Permission of the Chair

No additional matters were raised for discussion under this agenda item.



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14. Vote of Thanks

The vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Biswarup Bose, Treasurer, AMASI, who expressed heartfelt gratitude to:

- All members for their active participation and valuable contributions throughout the year
- The Organising Committee of AMASICON 2025, Jaipur, for their excellent arrangements
- The Executive Committee for their dedicated service
- Faculty members and convenors of the various skill courses and CME programmes
- Sponsors and partners who supported AMASI activities
- The venue management and staff for their hospitality

Meeting Concluded: The Annual General Body Meeting concluded successfully with the commitment to continue advancing minimal access surgery education and practice in India.

Prepared by: Dr. Roshan Shetty A, Honorary Secretary, AMASI

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Venue: Rajasthan International Centre, Jaipur, Rajasthan

With regards,

Dr. Roshan Shetty
Honorary Secretary