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PRESIDENT'S DESK

Dear Fellow Members

It gives me immense pleasure to welcome you to the inaugural edition of the newsletter of our IHPBA Indian Chapter. This newsletter marks an important milestone in our journey to strengthen communication, foster collaboration, and advance the field of hepato-pancreato-biliary surgery across India.

As we launch this initiative, it is important to emphasise the tremendous and dynamic growth that our chapter has witnessed recently. There has been an explosion in the number of CMEs and skills courses conducted

which is the need of the hour for enriching the professional lives of younger members. Number of Fellowship courses have increased exponentially and available geographically closer to the members. New courses in HPB radiology, IOUS and suturing, stapling, vascular and robotic skills and organ donation workshops have been conducted as well as proposed endoscopy courses and meetings to enable and empower our nursing colleagues as well as neighbouring countries like Nepal.

It is important that our community continues to push boundaries in clinical excellence, surgical innovation, and research contributions that have the potential to making a global impact. And it is hoped that the newsletter acts as an effective bridge for the same!

Through this newsletter, we aim to keep you informed about

upcoming conferences, educational opportunities, research highlights, and achievements of our members



Dr Puneet Dhar
President, IHPBA India

It should also serve as a platform for knowledge sharing and networking within our vibrant HPB community.

I encourage each of you to actively participate by sharing your experiences, research findings, and insights and viewpoints. Together, we can elevate the standards of HPB care in India and contribute meaningfully to the international HPB community.

Looking forward to your continued support and engagement.

Warm regards,

Dr Puneet Dhar..

President

IHPBA India

SECRETARY'S DESK

Dear Members

IHPBA India is celebrating its Silver Jubilee in 2025 and on this occasion, I extend warm wishes to our members. Over several years, our association has grown and established itself as a scientifically committed group for the betterment of the science and practice of HPB surgery and allied disciplines in India.

National executive committee of the association has taken transformative steps for major expansion in the academic and training domain offered by IHPBA India. The number of HPB certificate courses increased from two to four per year. Another certificate course was



Dr Biju Pottakkat
General Secretary
IHPBA India

held outside India. We have also started HPB cadaver training courses two per year. Considering the increasing role of radiology in our speciality, a dedicated HPB Radiology course was added to the list of training courses and two such courses were held and one is upcoming. To help surgeons to navigate liver better, dedicated intra-operative ultrasound training courses were added and three such courses were held. In an effort to make a qualified HPB surgeon a complete HPB specialist, two hands on endoscopy programmes are added. Realising the importance of nurses in the speciality, a dedicated HPB nursing training program is designed and three such events were held and one is upcoming. 22 events and academic programs in a calendar year made IHPBA India one of the most vibrant HPB societies under the ambit of IHPBA Global.

International collaborations have also progressed in this Silver Jubilee year.

With Nepal societies, we are conducting HPB certificate courses and cadaveric courses. Collaboration with Singapore society has resulted in

tripartite two-day academic event at Singapore. 10 travel awards were provided for Indian surgeons for this event. One Indo UK and another India-Singapore training fellowship for younger surgeons from India were initiated. Two one-year long fellowships were instituted by IHPBA India exclusively for Nepal Surgeons. Four 3 months training fellowships were awarded for Indian surgeons for the advancement of skills from best centres in the country. 25 bursary awards were provided for the national conference. This exemplifies our commitment for training of the next generation HPB specialists in the country.

IHPBA India has entered into three long term memorandum of understanding for academic collaboration with industry partners which immensely helped us to improve the number of training programs while adhering to all the needed standards and compliance.

More than two hundred doctors newly availed membership in this year itself which signifies the growth of the association. We have also appointed an office secretary to streamline activities in these ever-increasing domains of our association. Modified website allows access for direct registration for courses and events. We have also shifted to complete online banking and completed financial audits.

I am sure that the coming years will witness more programs, events and partnerships which will surely help us to achieve better heights.

Dr Biju Pottakkat..
General Secretary,
IHPBA India

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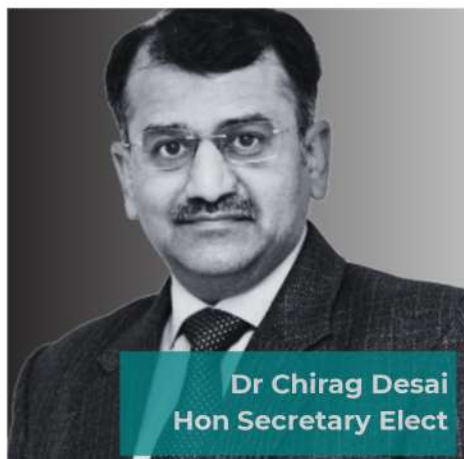
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EDITOR'S DESK

22/09/2025

Dear friends

It gives me immense pleasure to present the very first edition of the official newsletter for the Indian Chapter of the IHPBA. This marks a significant step in strengthening communication, colla-boration, and camaraderie among all members of the hepatopancreatobiliary (HPB) community in India and beyond.

The field of HPB surgery has grown rapidly in the past two decades, driven by advances in surgical techniques, oncology, minimally invasive and robotic platforms, and multidisciplinary care. This newsletter aims to serve as a platform to share knowledge, highlight achievements, showcase innovations, and foster dialogue among surgeons, oncologists, gastroenterologists, radi-ologists, and allied professionals who share our passion for HPB care.

This inaugural issue reflects the work done by IHPBA India - to create a vibrant academic forum that not only disseminates science but also nurtures young surgeons, encourages research, and builds bridges across institutions. With regular updates, academic contributions, member highlights, and reports of ongoing activities, we hope the newsletter will become an essential voice of our community.

I take this opportunity to thank all contributors and the executive body for their inspiration in bringing this first issue to life. I invite all members to actively participate, contribute, and help us shape the future direction of this newsletter. Together, let us continue to advance HPB care in India and make a meaningful impact on patient outcomes.

Dr Sanjoy Mandal..



IHPBA INDIA

EVENT CALENDAR

YEAR 2025 - 2026

SI No	DATES	VENUE	EVENT	TYPE	ORGANISING SECRETARY
1	Jan 15 - 19 2025	Amrita Hospital, Faridabad	HPB Certificate Course	Certificate Course	Dr Jaya Agarwal
2	Jan 30 - 31 2025	AIIMS, Bhubaneswar	HPB Radiology Course	Workshop	Dr Bramhadatta Pattnaik
3	Feb 3 - 8 2025	CMC, Vellore	HPB Certificate Course	Certificate Course	Dr Ravish S Raju
4	Mar 20 - 23 2025	Fairfield by Marriot, Kolkata	21st National Conference of IHPBA India	National Conference	Dr Sanjoy Mandal
5	May 18 - 19 2025	Shri Balaji Institute of Medical Science, Raipur	Cadaver Workshop on HPB Surgery	Workshop	Dr Pushpendra Naik
6	May 24 - 25, 2025	Sri Gokulam Medical College, Trivandrum	HPB Radiology Course	Workshop	Dr Arun Kumar ML
7	Jul 25 - 26 2025	JIPMER, Pondicherry	HPB Endoscopy Module 1	Workshop	Dr Sai Krishna
8	Aug 3, 2025	Rela Hospital, Chennai	IOUS Workshop	Workshop	Dr Rajesh Rajalingam
9	Aug 10 2025	Sterling Hospital, Ahmedabad	IOUS Workshop	Workshop	Dr Hitesh Chavda

IHPBA INDIA EVENT CALENDAR YEAR 2025 - 2026

SI No	DATES	VENUE	EVENT	TYPE	ORGANISING SECRETARY
10	Aug 15 - 17 2025	Singapore	IHPBA India Singapore Malaysia Meet	Conference	Dr V G Shelat
11	Aug 16 - 17 2025	Apollo Hospital, Kolkata	IOUS Workshop	Workshop	Dr Ramdip Ray
12	Aug 23 - 24 2025	AIIMS, Delhi	IHPBA Mid Term Meet	Mid Term Meet	Dr N R Dash
13	Sept 4 - 7 2025	AIIMS, Patna	HPB Certificate Course	Certificate Course	Dr Utpal Anand
14	Sept 12 - 14 2025	MGM, Malar Hospital Chennai	HPB Nursing Certificate Course	Certificate Course	Dr Patta Radhakrishna
15	Sept 17 - 20 2025	Katmandu, Nepal	HPB Certificate Course	Certificate Course	Dr Tanka Prasad Bohora
16	Sept 20 - 21 2025	Lalitpur, Nepal	Cadaveric Course	Workshop	Dr Tseten Yonjen Tamang
17	Nov 12 - 16 2025	AIIMS, Jodhpur	HPB Certificate Course	Certificate Course	Dr Vaibhav Kumar Varshney
18	Dec 2 - 6 2025	GEM Hospital, Coimbatore	HPB Certificate Course	Certificate Course	Dr Anand Vijai
19	Jan 23 - 24 2026	SGPGIMS, Lucknow	HPB Radiology Course	Workshop	Dr Anu Behari
20	Feb 5 - 9 2026	AIIMS, Kalyani	HPB Certificate Course	Certificate Course	Dr Shahana Gupta
21	Feb 26 - 28 2026	Jaipur	IHPBA India Annual Meet	Conference	Dr Naimish N Mehta

IHPBA INDIA 2025, KOLKATA

21ST NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF INDIAN
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March 20 - 23 2025 | Fairfield by Marriott, Kolkata

IHPBA India 2025 brought together leading surgeons, researchers, and healthcare professionals from across the country and abroad. It was organized by **Dr Sanjay De Bakshi** (Organising Chairman), **Dr Sanjoy Mandal** (Organising Secretary) and **Dr Ajay Mandal** (Co-organising Secretary). With a diverse program comprising masterclasses, debates, keynote lectures and panel discussions, the conference offered a comprehensive academic and practical platform for knowledge exchange and skill development. Topics ranged from **gallbladder** and **bile duct procedures** to **complex pancreatic** and **liver surgeries**, with a strong focus on **minimally invasive** and **robotic techniques** and innovations such as **artificial intelligence** and **precision medicine in surgery**.

A dedicated day for **Post-conference Hands-on Courses** provided practical training for surgeons, nurses, and residents. The event successfully blended clinical expertise with technological advancements, offering a comprehensive platform for learning, collaboration, and the exchange of ideas in HPB surgery.



HPB Radiology & Interventional Radiology Hands-on Course for Surgeons & Hands-on Robotic Workshop

at CMRI - CK Birla Hospitals, Kolkata on 23rd March 2025

The courses were conducted by **Dr Avik Bhattacharya, Dr Sounak Paul and Dr Ajay Mandal, Dr Sanjay De Bakshi, Dr Sarfaraz Baig**, respectively.

HPB Nursing Course

at Apollo Multispeciality Hospitals, Kolkata on 23rd March 2025

Training sessions included vascular access devices, staplers, stoma care, etc. Interesting Debate, Quiz, Poster sessions were also there.

The course was conducted by **Dr Shahana Gupta, Dr Ramdip Roy, Dr Rahul Agarwal, Dr Amarnath Basu**



Endoscopic Ultrasonography Course for HPB Surgeons

at Manipal Hospitals, Kolkata on 23rd March 2025

The course was conducted by **Dr Sanjoy Basu**



LIVER SUMMIT - 2024 & MID-TERM CONFERENCE OF IHPBA INDIAN CHAPTER

1st Liver Summit - 2024 and Mid-Term Meet IHPBA Indian Chapter was held in **Jaipur** on **13th - 14th September 2024**.

It was organized by **Dr Naimish N Mehta** at Mahatma Gandhi University of Medical Sciences and Technology, Jaipur in association with the IHPBA (Indian Chapter). The theme for this meet was **Transcending Boundaries: Art of Liver Surgery, Transplantation and Advances in Hepatology**.

It was a two-day program with 500+ participants from across the country which involved specialists from various fields including HPB surgery, Liver transplantation, Hepatology, Anesthesia & Critical care and Interventional Radiology. The Organizing Committee diligently worked to curate a diverse scientific program from a galaxy of international and national speakers.



The scientific program included plenary lectures, engaging keynote addresses, debates, thought-provoking panel discussions, master video sessions, papers presentations, e-posters.

Topic highlights included: benign and malignant liver surgery; peri-operative optimization (ICG-guided surgery, FLR augmentation, IR in portal hypertension); minimal-access/robotic approaches and donor hepatectomy; focused transplant updates; evidence-based debates (CRLM vs LT, HCC strategies, and TIPSS vs LT in Budd–Chiari); anesthesia & critical care for LT; immunosuppression in complex settings; viral hepatitis updates; MASLD; ERAS; machine perfusion (HOPE); portal vein thrombosis; and post-hepatectomy liver failure.

Inaugural ceremony was graced by **Smt Gayatri A Rathore, Principal Secretary Health and Family Welfare Department, Rajasthan** as the **Chief Guest**. **Dr M L Swarankar, Emeritus Chairperson MGUMST** as **Guest of Honor**.

Amongst the other dignitaries present were Dr Vikas Chandra Swarankar Chairperson-cum Chancellor MGUMST, Dr Achal Gulati Vice-Chancellor MGUMST, Dr Puneet Dhar President IHPBA-Indian Chapter, Dr Biju Pottakkat, Secretary IHPBA-Indian Chapter.

Over 50 abstracts were received for various presentations, amongst which 10 trainees were given awards in different categories by expert panel of judges.



This meeting was successful due to strong academic participation and high-quality deliberations by experts across HPB speciality.



HPB CERTIFICATE COURSE

This course was organised by the **Centre of Excellence for Digestive Diseases** at **Amrita Hospital, Faridabad** on **15th - 19th January 2025**.

The HPB Certificate Course was organized by **Dr Jaya Agarwal**. It is a focused academic program designed to provide a comprehensive overview and advanced insights into Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary (HPB) Surgery and Liver Transplantation.

The course brings together renowned national experts to deliver high-yield lectures, case-based discussions, and hands-on training across five immersive days.

THE COURSE WAS THEMED AS
Liver Mastery: Segmental anatomy, liver imaging, parenchymal transection, and IOUS.

Liver Transplant & Portal Hypertension: Donor-recipient evaluation, organ retrieval, implantation, immunology, and portal hypertensive surgery.

Pancreas Power: Pancreatic necrosis, chronic pancreatitis, Whipple procedure, and NETs.

Biliary Brief: Complex gallbladder cases, biliary injury management, and gallbladder cancer.

Cutting Edge Conversations: Research writing, medicolegal practices, and surgical career guidance.



FIRST HPB RADIOLOGY COURSE

HPB Radiology Course, a first of its kind to be conducted in the country was organized by the departments of Surgical Gastroenterology and Radio-diagnosis at

AIIMS Bhubaneswar on **30th - 31st January 2025**.

The importance of radiological interpretation in the diagnosis, prognosis, surgical planning and postoperative follow up cannot be overemphasized in the present era of ever-evolving complex HPB diseases and their complex treatment options. This course was apt to address the same to the HPB surgeons and trainees. 25 delegates including HPB surgical trainees and faculties from all over the country were selected for the course, which spanned three sessions of online basics of HPB radiology to two days of physical HPB radiological extravaganza. The lectures were given by eminent specialists in the field of **HPB and liver transplant surgery** and **liver transplant, HPB and interventional radiology** from across the country. The sessions saw a focused one-on-one interactions of the delegates with the speakers. The lectures were followed by a live session of various interventional procedures conducted by the interventional radiologists.



Under the leadership of **Dr Bramhadatta Pattnaik**, the course successfully culminated in the in-depth understanding of the complex HPB surgical anatomy in the fields of **Ultrasonography, CT scan, MRI** as well as **PET CT scan** by the delegates who left with a deep understanding of the subject.



IHPBA CERTIFICATE COURSE

The Department of HPB Surgery, **Christian Medical College Vellore**, conducted the IHPBA Certificate Course from the **3rd - 7th February 2025** at the newly started CMC Ranipet campus.

This specialized course - organized by **Dr Ravish S Raju** - attracted approximately 45 delegates, offering a comprehensive learning experience in the rapidly evolving field of HPB surgery. The course was supported by 53 distinguished professionals, hailing from both India and abroad, all of whom possess extensive experience in **HPB surgery, liver transplantation**, and related subspecialties.



Throughout the 5-day program, delegates were exposed to cutting-edge practices, advancements and challenges in HPB surgery. Rather than theoretical knowledge, the emphasis was on daily practice and expert insight on pitfalls to avoid and how to manage complications. The attraction remained the training module in HPB Radiology where participants applied the knowledge they received and answered a quiz of around 50 HPB radiology images under the guidance of HPB Surgeons and Radiologists. The **Vascular Anastomosis Workshop** on day 1 inspired the young surgeons and the feedback was positive.

IHPBA HANDS-ON CADAVERIC COURSE

IHPBA India, in collaboration with **Shri Balaji Institute of Medical Science, Raipur** conducted a two-day Hands-On Cadaveric Workshop on **18th - 19th May 2025**.



Designed to advance surgical expertise in complex hepatobiliary and pancreatic procedures, the program attracted surgeons from across the region. Day one featured an intensive lecture series, where expert faculty delivered focused sessions supported by minimally edited surgical videos.



Topics included **liver mobilisation and resection, hepatico-jejunostomy, pancreaticojejunostomy, portal dissection, kocherization of the duodenum, and uncinate dissection**, providing participants with a strong theoretical foundation.



IHPBA-IC 2ND HPB RADIOLOGY COURSE

The IHPBA-IC 2nd HPB Radiology Course was organized by the Divisions of Surgical Gastroenterology, Radiodiagnosis & Interventional Radiology Department, **Sree Gokulam Medical College and GC Hospital, Thiruvananthapuram.**

It was held on **24th - 25th May 2025** at Poovar Island Resorts, Thiruvananthapuram. The course was designed to enhance surgeons' understanding of HPB radiology through case-based discussions, hands-on workshops, quizzes, and expert sessions. The Organizing Chairperson was **Prof N Roy** and **Dr Arunkumar M L**, the Organising Secretary.



Topics included liver, pancreas and biliary imaging, transplant evaluation, interventional radiology, and the management of complications. Registration was limited to 50 delegates.

COLLABORATIONS



IHPBA India - Olympus Collaboration

HPB advanced endoscopy course



IHPBA India - Medtronics Collaboration

- Fellowships
- Certificate courses
- Cadaver workshops
- Online international lecture series



IHPBA India - Wipro GE Collaboration

- IOUS workshops
- Three per year



INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP



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NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP



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