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Theme

Update Yourself - Let us Break the Barriers to End STI / HIV



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KANYAKUMARI, Tamil Nadu



Date :

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Registration : 08.00 a.m. onwards

Welcome Note : 08.45 - 09.00 a.m.

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25.09.2026 (FRIDAY) • Hall 1 - Dr. R.V. RAJAM HALL

Time	Topics	Speaker / Moderator	Chairpersons
EPIDEMIOLOGY OF STI/HIV			
9.00 - 9.20 a.m.	Global and National Epidemiological Trends in STI and HIV	Dr. Rajesh Rajagopalan	Dr. AJS Pravin Dr. P. Mahalingam
9.20 - 9.40 a.m.	Gender Diversity and Epidemiological Trends of STI and HIV	Dr. Taru Garg	
9.40 - 10.00 a.m.	Emerging STI - A Challenge to STI Control in India	Dr. Kaushal K. Verma	
KEYNOTE ADDRESS			
10.00 - 10.20 a.m.	Barriers to End STI and HIV	Dr. K. Ajithkumar	Dr. A. Mahakrishnan Dr. S. Kalaivani
10.20 - 10.40 a.m.	Forty Years of My Journey in the Management of HIV Infection	Dr. J.K. Maniar	
ULCERATIVE STI			
10.40 - 11.00 a.m.	Approach to Genital Ulcers	Dr. K. Mahadevan	Dr. S. Vasuki Dr. Rajendra Singh M Tuteja
11.00 - 11.40 a.m.	Panel Discussion : GUD: Case-Based Discussion	Moderator : Dr. Swastika Suvirya Panelists : Dr. Arun Joshi Dr. Arun Achar Dr. S. Anandan Dr. Jacintha Martis Dr. Nanisetty Ramesh	
11.40 - 12.30 p.m.	INAUGURAL FUNCTION		
SILVER JUBILEE ORATION OF THE INSTITUTE OF VENEREOLOGY			
12.30 - 1.00 p.m.	Immunopathological Profile of Neurosyphilis	Dr. R. Ganesh	Dr. K. Venkateshwaran Dr. S. Arunkumar
1.00 - 2.00 p.m.	LUNCH		
GENITAL DISCHARGES			
2.00 - 2.15 p.m.	Genital Discharge in Women : Challenges in Diagnosis and Management	Dr. S. Kalaivani	Dr. Shukla Das Dr. J. Thadeus
2.15 - 2.30 p.m.	Pathogenesis of Gonorrhoea Including Recent Advances	Dr. Hanumanthayya	
2.30 - 2.45 p.m.	Changing Paradigm of Bacterial Vaginosis	Dr. Sunil Sethi	
2.45 - 3.00 p.m.	Drug Resistance in Gonorrhoea : A laboratorian's Evidence - Based Perspectives	Dr. Sumathi Muralidhar	
3.00 - 3.15 p.m.	Recent Advances in the Management of NGU	Dr. Sudip Das	

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PAEDIATRIC AND ADOLESCENT STI			
3.15 - 3.35 p.m.	Child Sexual Abuse and Legal Aspects of Sexual Abuse and Assault	Dr. Bujji Babu	Dr. Jacob Thomas Dr. Nina Madnani
3.35 - 3.55 p.m.	Premarital Sex and STI – Current Perspectives	Dr. Neirita Hazarika	
3.55 - 4.15 p.m.	Substance Abuse and Sexual behaviour in Adolescents and their Influence on STI	Dr. Deepika Pandhi	
STI IN PREGNANCY			
4.15 - 4.35 p.m.	Impact of Genital Herpes and Genital Warts on Pregnancy	Dr. Neetu Bhari	Dr. K.N. Sarveshwari Dr. Bijaylaxmi Sahoo
4.35 - 5.30 p.m.	Panel Discussion : Mother to Child Transmission : Manifestations to Management	Moderator : Dr. S. Vasuki Panelists : Dr. Nina Madnani Dr. Manjula Nagarajan Dr. R. Amudha Dr. Murugan Swamiappan Dr. Mohamed Ajmal Dr. Nithya Mohan	
5.30 - 5.50 p.m.	Laboratory Aspects of STI in Pregnancy and Newborn	Dr. Manju Bala	
5.50 - 6.00 p.m.	IUSTI - IASSTD & AIDS SCHOLARSHIP		Dr. Sunil Sethi Dr. M.R. Parthasarathy
6.00 - 7.00 p.m.	Dr. HC MOHANTY - PG QUIZ Preliminary Round	Dr. Manoj Kumar Ram Dr. Gaurav Dash	
	DINNER		

25.09.2026 (FRIDAY) • Hall 2 - Dr. P.N. RANGIAH HALL

Time	Topics	Speaker / Moderator	Chairpersons
9.00 - 10.00 a.m.	FREE PAPER SESSION 1		Dr. T. Subramanian Dr. B. Senthil Selvan
SYNDROMIC APPROACH FOR STI			
10.40 - 11.00 a.m.	Genital Ulcer Syndrome	Dr. A. Jansi Priyadharsini	Dr. J. Balachandar Dr. ANM Maalik Babu
11.00 - 11.20 a.m.	Genital Discharge Syndrome	Dr. N. Prabhakaran	
11.20 - 11.40 a.m.	Syndromic Approach: Rationale, Challenges and Future Directions in the Treatment of STI	Dr. S. Arunkumar	
SYPHILIS			
2.00 - 2.20 p.m.	Current Trends in Syphilis	Dr. Manobalan K	Dr. S. Rajagopal Dr. Himanshu Gupta
2.20 - 2.40 p.m.	Great Mimicker Returns: Atypical Manifestations of Syphilis	Dr. V. Mohankumar	
2.40 - 3.00 p.m.	Management Challenges in Syphilis	Dr. Reetu Agarwal	

25.09.2026 (FRIDAY) • Hall 2 - Dr. P.N. RANGIAH HALL

Time	Topics	Speaker / Moderator	Chairpersons
VULVAL STI			
3.00 - 3.20 p.m.	Vulvovaginitis – Overview and Its Management	Dr. Joan Felicita Samson	Dr. Prakriti Shukla Dr. A. Sudha
3.20 - 3.40 p.m.	Recalcitrant Vulvovaginitis – Treatment Approach	Dr. Priya Pratap	
3.40 - 4.00 p.m.	VVC : Laboratory to the Rescue	Dr. Shukla Das	
VIDEO DEMONSTRATION ON LAB DIAGNOSIS			
4.00 - 4.45 p.m.	Video Demonstration of Smears and Tests in STI Diagnosis	Dr. Sumathi Muralidhar Dr. Manju Bala	Dr. Seema Sood Dr. S. Seeniammal Amalan
4.45 - 5.00 p.m.	Medical Fraternity of India and SWIFT Clinic Network - Game-Changing Strategy	Dr. Sam Prasad	
5.00 - 6.00 p.m.	RABINDRANATH DUTTA MEMORIAL AWARD COMPETITION		Dr. Sudip Das Dr. Arun Achar

26.09.2026 (SATURDAY) • Hall 1 - Dr. R.V. RAJAM HALL

Time	Topics	Speaker / Moderator	Chairpersons
8.00 - 9.00 a.m.	DR. GOVINDAN NAIR AWARD PAPER SESSION		Dr. B. Shanmuganathan Dr. K. Mummooorthy
STI / HIV CURRENT PERSPECTIVES			
9.00 - 9.15 a.m.	ART in Children	Dr. L. Arunachalam	Dr. Jayakar Thomas Dr. R. Sethuraman Dr. Prabhat Kumar
9.15 - 9.30 a.m.	Lifestyle Changes in the Society and the Upsurge of STI and HIV	Dr. P. Mahalingam	
9.30 - 9.45 a.m.	Challenges in the Management of STI and HIV among LGBTQI Population	Dr. Venkatesan Chakrapani	
HIV MANAGEMENT AND CHALLENGES			
9.45 - 10.05 a.m.	Novel HIV Therapy	Dr. N. Kumarasamy	Dr. Girija Dr. Rajesh Rajagopalan
10.05 - 10.25 a.m.	Opportunistic Infections in HIV Disease	Dr. Jyoti Dhar	
10.25 - 10.45 a.m.	Prospects of a Sterilizing Cure for HIV	Dr. Murugan Sankaranantham	
Dr.R.V. RAJAM ENDOWMENT ORATION			
10.45 - 11.15 a.m.	Pathogen Eradication to Microbiome Restoration : Rethinking the Future of STI Management	Dr. Niti Khunger	Dr. J.K. Maniar Dr. B. Loganathan
Dr. G. CHANDRASEKAR RAO ORATION			
11.15 - 11.45 a.m.	STI / RTI / HIV - Past & Present : My Personal Experience	Dr. Beri Udaya Kumar	Dr. T. Ram Manohar Rao Dr. V. Sudhakar Babu
NON VENEREAL GENITAL DERMATOSES			
11.50 - 12.10 p.m.	Sexual Health : The Silent Casualty of Skin Diseases	Dr. Jayakar Thomas	Dr. Dinesh Govil Dr. Alar Shanthi
12.10 - 12.30 p.m.	Anogenital Dermatoses in Children : Infections, Imitators and Legal Implications	Dr. Bhumesh Kumar Katakam	
12.30 - 12.50 p.m.	Nonvenereal Genital Dermatoses in Men and Challenges in Management	Dr. Yogesh S Marfatia	
12.50 - 1.10 p.m.	Nonvenereal Genital Dermatoses in Women and Challenges in Management	Dr. K. Dhanalakshmi	
1.10 - 2.00 p.m.	LUNCH		

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Time	Topics	Speaker / Moderator	Chairpersons
2.00 - 2.30 p.m.	Faculty Debate Circumcision: A Solution for Prevention of STI	For : Dr. M. Balasubramaniam Against : Dr. G. Venkataramana	Dr. K. Mahadevan Dr. P. Mohan
LAB DIAGNOSIS IN GENITAL DISCHARGE			
2.30 - 2.45 p.m.	Drug Resistance in Non-Gonococcal Infections: Lab-Evidence-Based Perspectives	Dr. Seema Sood	
2.45 - 3.00 p.m.	Self-testing in Vaginal Discharge	Dr. Sushruta Kathuria	
Dr. M.A. WALI ORATION			
3.00 - 3.30 p.m.	Challenges in HIV Management	Dr. Vinay Kulkarni	Dr. Deepika Pandhi Dr. Y.S. Marfatia
INTEGRATION OF STI WITH SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH			
3.30 - 3.50 p.m.	Dyspareunia	Dr. Dipti R Bisoyi	Dr. Ajitkumar (Lucknow) Dr. George Kurien
3.50 - 4.10 p.m.	STI and Infertility	Dr. V.P.K. Gopinath	
4.10 - 4.30 p.m.	AI Tools in Sexual Health – What, When and Where to Use	Dr. Somesh Gupta	
PREVENTIVE MANAGEMENT OF STI			
4.30 - 4.45 p.m.	Safe Sex and Safe Conception in STI & HIV Infection	Dr. Susanne Pulimood	Dr. G. Venkataramana Dr. Shikha Gupta
4.45 - 5.00 p.m.	Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP)	Dr. Jyoti Dhar	
5.00 - 5.15 p.m.	Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP)	Dr. Jyoti Dhar	
5.15 - 6.00 p.m.	Panel Discussion : Post-Treatment STI/HIV - Resumption of Sex, Marriage and Parenthood	Moderator : Dr. Bhushan Kumar Panelists : Dr. S. Vasuki Dr. AJS Pravin Dr. Prabhat Kumar Dr. P.K. Kaviarasan Dr. Manojkumar Ram	Dr. Bhabhani Singh Dr. Mariam Philip Dr. M. Selvakumar
Dr. SARDARI LAL MEMORIAL AWARD			
6.00 - 6.15 p.m.	Prevalence of Genital Mycoplasma in Patients with Genital Tract Infection Attending a Tertiary Care Hospital in South India	Dr. K. Amuthavalli	Dr K. G. Srinivasahan Dr. Ramya Kaleeswaran
6.15 p.m.	ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING		
7.30 p.m.	DINNER		

26.09.2026 (SATURDAY) ● Hall 2 - Dr. P.N. RANGIAH HALL			
Time	Topics	Speaker / Moderator	Chairpersons
8.00 - 9.00 a.m.	FREE PAPER SESSION 2		Dr. Sujatha Andrew Dr. C. Suganya
GOOD SEXUAL PRACTICES			
9.00 - 9.15 a.m.	Sexual Hygiene in Men and Women	Dr. Murugan Sankaranantham	Dr. P.K. Kaviarasan Dr. Nivin Simon
9.15 - 9.30 a.m.	Role of Sexual Medicine in Dermato - Venereology Practice	Dr. Ajayan Varughese	
9.30 - 9.45 a.m.	Sexual Dysfunctions in Men with STI / HIV	Dr. DSS Srinivas Prasad	
9.45 - 10.00 a.m.	Female Sexual Disorders - Psychological Aspects	Dr. Mary Ajayan	
10.00 - 10.45 a.m.	Panel Discussion : Multiple STI Management Approach	Moderator : Dr. J. Thadeus Panelists : Dr. George Kurien Dr. Bijaylaxmi Sahoo Dr. Sribiju Dr. Deepa Byloppily Dr. J. Balachandar	Dr. K. Nandagopal Dr. R. Suganya
DIVERSE TOPICS			
11.45 - 12.00 noon	Contact Dermatitis of Female Genitalia	Dr. P. Nirmaladevi	Dr. Swastika Suvirya Dr. Vibhor Goyal
12.00 - 12.15 p.m.	Viral NGUs/Recent Updates in HPV Lab Aspects	Dr. Aashish Choudhary	
12.15 - 12.30 p.m.	Syphilis-Exposed Babies – Management	Dr. Nithya Mohan	
STI IN SPECIAL POPULATION			
12.30 - 12.45 p.m.	STI in Transplant Recipients	Dr. Ajit Kumar	Dr. Yamuna Dr. M. Chandradevi
12.45 - 1.00 p.m.	Beyond Traditional Risk Factors : Modern Sexual Behaviour and the Rising STI Burden in India	Dr. P. Vijayasankar	
1.00 - 1.15 p.m.	Medical Conditions Specific to Transgender and Gender-Diverse Communities An STI / HIV integrated approach	Dr. M.R. Parthasarathy	
1.15 - 2.00 p.m.	LUNCH		
STI EVALUATION IN NUTSHELL			
2.00 - 2.15 p.m.	History Taking in STI Practice	Dr. G. Arul Raja	Dr. L. Arunachalam Dr. C.V. Padmanandhan
2.15 - 2.30 p.m.	Interpretation of Serological Tests in Herpes and Bacterial STIs	Dr. Sunil Sethi	
2.30 - 2.45 p.m.	Interpretation of Tests for HIV Infection	Dr. Shekhar Pradhan	
2.45 - 3.00 p.m.	Genotypic Profile of Oncogenic HPV in Anogenital Warts: Implications of Screening and Vaccination	Dr. Rumpa Saha	
TIPS FOR PRACTICE			
3.30 - 3.45 p.m.	Contraceptives for Prevention of STIs	Dr. Malathi Munisamy	Dr. Rajiv Shikri Dr. P. Dev Anand
3.45 - 4.00 p.m.	Disclosure of STD Reports to Patients - Do's and Don'ts	Dr. G.K. Verma	
4.00 - 4.15 p.m.	Urine Multiplex PCR Test for STD	Dr. K. Vinodini	
4.15 - 4.30 p.m.	Partner Treatment - Methods and Drugs	Dr. Krati Dewan	Dr. K. Hanumanthayya Dr. S. Rajagopal (NGL)
4.30 - 4.45 p.m.	Partner Treatment - Practicalities and Challenges	Dr. R. Ganesh	
4.45 - 5.00 p.m.	RT-PCR Mediated Diagnosis	Dr. Utsav Sen	
5.00 - 6.00 p.m.	FREE PAPER SESSION 3		Dr. A. Nivetha (TVL) Dr. Kopika

27.09.2026 (SUNDAY) • Hall 1- Dr. R.V. RAJAM HALL

Time	Topics	Speaker / Moderator	Chairpersons
8.00 - 9.00 a.m.	FREE PAPER SESSION 4		Dr. K. Subhashini Dr. Vidhya Ravindran
9.00 - 10.00 a.m.	Dr. P.S. RENGANTHAN MEMORIAL AWARD		Dr. N. Ramesh Dr. R. Amudha
VACCINES FOR STI / HIV			
10.00 - 10.20 a.m.	HPV vaccines - Practical Applications	Dr. Dipti Bisoyi	Dr. Lalit Dar Dr. T. Pavithren
10.20 - 10.45 a.m.	HIV vaccines - Current Update	Dr. C.K. Sriram	
TROPICAL STI			
10.45 - 11.00 a.m.	Clinical Presentation of Tropical STI	Dr. K. Mahadevan	Dr. M. Balasubramaniam Dr. Padamkumar
11.00 - 11.15 a.m.	Complications and Management of Tropical STI	Dr. V. Sudhakar Babu	
PEDIATRIC GENITAL DERMATOSES			
11.15 - 12.00 noon	Panel Discussion : Pediatic Genital Dermatoses- Management Challenges	Moderator : Dr. K. Karthikeyan Panelists : Dr. Nina Madnani Dr. Manjulata Dash Dr. Bhabani Singh Dr. Arishta Bala Dr. K.C. Shashidhar	Dr. Deepika Pandhi Dr. A. Selvam Dr. P. Nirmala Devi
12.00 - 1.00 p.m.	Dr. H.C.MOHANTY QUIZ COMPETITION	Dr. Manoj Kumar Ram Dr. Gaurav Dash	
1.00 - 2.00 p.m.	VALEDICTORY FUNCTION		

27.09.2026 (SUNDAY) • Hall 2 - Dr. P.N. RANGIAH HALL

Time	Topics	Speaker / Moderator	Chairpersons
8.00 - 9.00 a.m.	FREE PAPER SESSION 5		Dr. A. Kamala Nehru Dr. G. Rajagopal
9.00 - 10.00 a.m.	DR. C.N. SOWMINI MEMORIAL POSTER COMPETITION	E-Poster walk Annex	Dr. R. Ganesh Dr. Ashish Choudhary
9.00 - 9.30 a.m.	Postgraduate Debate : Choice of Treatment for Syphilis : Penicillin vs Other Drugs	PGS	Dr. Malathi Munisamy Dr. Avnish Sharma
DIFFICULT TO TREAT CONDITIONS			
9.30 - 9.50 a.m.	Surgical Treatment of Warts in Difficult-to-Reach Areas	Dr. M. Premkumar	Dr. V.P.K. Gopinath Dr. Bujji Babu
9.50 - 10.10 a.m.	Management of Recalcitrant Warts	Dr. G.V. Seethalakshmi	
10.10 - 10.30 a.m.	Pruritus Vulvae – Evaluation & Management	Dr. S. Narmadha	
BALANOPOSTHITIS			
10.30 - 10.50 a.m.	Clinical Approach and Evaluation of Balanoposthitis	Dr. J. Balachandar	Dr. A. Iyyamperumal Dr. Avinash Pravin
10.50 - 11.10 a.m.	Treatment and Challenges in the Management of Balanoposthitis	Dr. R. Rajesh	
MASTER'S CLASS			
11.10 - 12.00noon	Panel Discussion : LGBTQI- Social and Legal Protection	Moderator: Dr. A. Sathish Kumar Panellist : Dr. S. Vasuki Dr. M. Selva Kumar Dr. P. Dev Anand Dr. M.R. Parthasarathy Dr. P. Mahalingam	Dr. Sonal Sachan Dr. Premchand



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