

# CIDSCON 2026



**16<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of Clinical Infectious Diseases Society**

*Addressing AMR: From Awareness to Action*



**WORKSHOPS**  
20<sup>th</sup> August 2026



**CONFERENCE**  
21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2026

**Gandhinagar, Gujarat**



**Venue:**  
Mahatma Mandir Convention  
and Exhibition Centre



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Dear Friends,

Welcome to CIDSCON 2026!

We are delighted to welcome you to the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Clinical Infectious Diseases Society – CIDSCON 2026, to be held from August 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> 2026, at the prestigious Mahatma Mandir Convention and Exhibition Centre, Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

This year's conference brings together a thoughtfully curated program featuring eminent national experts and distinguished international faculty. CIDSCON 2026 will serve as a dynamic platform for the exchange of cutting-edge research, innovative ideas, and collaborative solutions in the field of infectious diseases, with a special emphasis on India-specific challenges and advancements.

CIDSCON 2026 offers an exceptional opportunity to engage with thought leaders and build lasting professional connections. From state-of-the-art scientific sessions to hands-on workshops, we aim to create an enriching experience for clinicians, researchers, microbiologists, and healthcare professionals. Our workshops this year are uniquely crafted in collaboration with other specialties to foster cross-disciplinary learning and interaction.

We look forward to your presence and participation in what promises to be a truly memorable gathering of minds and ideas.

Join us in Gandhinagar, Gujarat for CIDSCON 2026 – where science meets spirit!

*Warm regards,*

*The CIDSCON 2026 Organizing Committee*



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# PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> August 2026

Focused • Interactive • Expert-Led

## Full-Day Workshops

(9.30 am - 5.30 pm)

- **ID 360: Mastering the Basics**
- **Microbiology 360: Diagnostics, Stewardship & Infection Control**
- **The Zero Defence Challenge: ID in the Immunocompromised**

## Half-Day Workshops

- **AI & Technology in ID Practice** (9.30 am - 1.00 pm)
- **ID Issues in Surgical Practice** (2.00 pm - 5.30 pm)

09:30 - 10:15 am	Essentials of Diagnostic Microbiology – Decoding Break points, MIC, Molecular Tests
10:15 - 11:00 am	Principles of Infectious Disease Therapy: Empirical, Targeted, and Preventive
11:00 - 11:30 am	Acute Febrile illness – ID approach
11:30 - 11:45 am	Tea Break
11:45 - 12:00 noon	Navigating the Gut: Rational Management of Acute Gastroenteritis
12:00 - 12:25 pm	Upper and Lower Respiratory Tract Infections
12:25 - 12:45 pm	Uncovering the UTI trap
12:45 - 01:30 pm	Solving the Puzzle of PUO – Panel Discussion
01:30 - 02:00 pm	Lunch Break
	<b>The MDRO War room – Panel Discussion</b>
02:00 - 02:45 pm	Gram Positive Infections – Skin and Soft Tissue, Endocarditis, Prosthetic Joint Infections
02:45 - 03:30 pm	Gram Negative Infections – Intraabdominal Infections, CLABSI, ICU Infections
03:30 - 03:50 pm	Management of Invasive Candidiasis
03:50 - 04:00 pm	Tea Break
04:00 - 04:45 pm	Principles of HIV Care: A Practical Guide for Beginners
04:45 - 05:30 pm	Pitfalls in TB Care: Avoiding Common Diagnostic and Therapeutic Errors

Workshop Incharge: **Dr. Sweta Shah**

<b>Session 1: Clinical Microbiology</b>	
09:30 - 10:00 am	Diagnostic Stewardship: Optimizing Laboratory Utility in Infectious Disease
10:00 - 10:30 am	Understanding CLSI, Reporting AST When Guidelines are Silent!
10:30 - 11:00 am	Antifungal Susceptibility Testing: A Critical Tool for Modern Mycology
11:00 - 11:15 am	Tea Break
11:15 - 11:45 am	Transforming Culture Reports into Smart Antibiograms
11:45 - 12:15 pm	Next-Gen Molecular Diagnostics
12:15 - 01:15 pm	Microbial Mysteries: Case-Based ID Insights from Plate to Patient
01:15 - 01:45 pm	Lunch Break
<b>Session 2: Infection Prevention and AMSP</b>	
01:45 - 02:15 pm	Occupational Exposure Management
02:15 - 02:45 pm	Preventing Healthcare-Associated NTM
02:45 - 03:00 pm	Sterility and Sustainability: Reuse of Single-use Devices
03:00 - 03:15 pm	Tea Break
03:15 - 03:45 pm	Breaking Barriers in Antimicrobial Stewardship
03:45 - 04:15 pm	Accreditation Standards: HIC and AMS for Quality Care
04:15 - 05:15 pm	AMSP Implementation: Case Based Approach

# The Zero defence challenge: Mastering ID in the Immunocompromised

Workshop Incharge: **Dr. Parikshit Prayag**

09:30 - 10:15 am	Approach to Infections in Transplant Recipients
10:15 - 11:00 am	Infections in Recipients of CAR T Cell Therapy
11:00 - 11:45 am	Infections in Patients on Biologics - Challenging cases
11:45 - 12:00 noon	Tea Break
12:00 - 12:30 pm	Vaccination Strategies in the Immunocompromised Hosts
12:30 - 01:00 pm	Antimicrobial Prophylaxis in the Setting of SOTs in India
01:00 - 01:30 pm	BK Virus in Renal Transplantation
01:30 - 02:00 pm	Lunch Break
02:00 - 02:30 pm	UTI in Renal Transplant Recipients
02:30 - 03:15 pm	Do's and Dont's in IFIs in Transplant Recipients
03:15 - 03:30 pm	Tea Break
03:30 - 04:00 pm	Approach to Febrile Neutropenia in the Indian Settings
04:00 - 05:30 pm	<b>Cases:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Infections in Patients With Hematological Malignancies</li><li>• Infections in SOT Transplant Recipients</li></ul>

## **AI and Technology in ID practice**

Workshop Incharge: **Dr. Suresh Kumar & Dr. Raman Gaikwad**

09:30 - 09:40 am	<b>Overview</b>
09:40 - 10:10 am	<b>AI - Introduction &amp; Deep Dive into the Technology</b>
10:10 - 10:40 am	<b>AI - Current Landscape, Available Applications, Beyond Language Models, State of the Art in 2026</b>
10:40 - 10:50 am	<b>Q &amp; A</b>
10:50 - 11:20 am	<b>How to use AI in Practice and Learning?</b>
11:20 - 11:50 am	<b>Debate - Would you Need ID Physicians When You Have AI?</b>
11:50 - 12:00 noon	<b>Q &amp; A</b>
12:00 - 01:00 pm	<b>Hands on Projects</b>
01:00 - 01:30 pm	<b>ID Problem Solving: AI vs Humans vs AI</b>
01:30 - 02:00 pm	<b>Lunch Break</b>

Workshop Incharge: **Dr. Deepak Kumar**

02:00 – 02:05 pm	<b>Welcome and Introduction to the Workshop</b>
02:05 – 02:35 pm	<b>Updates on Surgical Site Infection Prevention</b>
02:35 – 02:55 pm	<b>Clearance Before Surgery: Role of ID Physician</b>
02:55 – 03:15 pm	<b>Antibiotic Prophylaxis in the Era of Gram-Negative Resistance: How to Choose?</b>
03:15 – 03:30 pm	<b>Tea Break</b>
03:30 – 04:00 pm	<b>Optimizing Management of Complicated Intra-Abdominal Infections</b>
04:00 – 04:20 pm	<b>Fever in the Neurosurgical Patient</b>
04:20 – 05:25 pm	<b>Panel Discussion: Complicated Cases of Skin, Soft Tissue and Orthopaedic Implant Infections</b>
05:25 - 05:30 PM	<b>Vote of Thanks</b>

<b>HALL - 1</b>		<b>HALL - 2</b>	
09.00 - 09.30 am	<b>Staying Relevant as an Infectious Disease Specialist</b>		
09.30 - 09.50 am	<b>Treatment Updates in Salmonella Typhi and Paratyphi</b>	09.30 - 09.50 am	<b>New Drugs for Gram Positive Infections</b>
09.50 - 10.10 am	<b>Brucellosis - Delayed Diagnosis, Challenges and Mitigation</b>	09.50 - 10.20 am	<b>Pro and Con Debate for Oral Therapy in Endocarditis/Bone and Joint Infections</b>
10.10 - 11.00 am	<b>Cases in Tropical ID and Parasitology</b>	10.20- 11.00 am	<b>Challenging Cases in Gram Positive Infections</b>
11.00 - 11.20 am	<b>Tea Break</b>		
11.20 - 11.35 am	<b>Viral Diagnostics</b>	11.20 -11.40 am	<b>Key Updates in Infection Control from SHEA</b>
11.35 - 12.00 noon	<b>What is Latest in Hep B and Hep C Management?</b>	11.40 - 12.20 pm	<b>Outbreak Analysis: Real Life Examples</b>
12.00 - 12.20 pm	<b>The Changing Face of Chikungunya</b>	12.20 -12.40 pm	<b>Infection Control in India: Moving From Protocol to Practice</b>
12.20 - 01.20 pm	<b>Challenging Cases in Virology</b>	12.40 - 01.20 pm	<b>Antimicrobial Stewardship: Case Based Discussion</b>
01.20 - 02.00 pm	<b>Lunch</b>		

<b>HALL - 1</b>		<b>HALL - 2</b>	
02.00 - 02.20 pm	<b>How Should I Treat HIV in 2026 ?</b>	02.00 - 02.20 pm	<b>Recurrent Vulvovaginal Candidiasis</b>
02.20 - 02.40 pm	<b>PrEP and PEP Update</b>	02.20 - 02.40 pm	<b>Congenital Infections</b>
02.40 - 03.00 pm	<b>Syphilis: Old Disease, New Challenges</b>	02.40 - 03.00 pm	<b>Choosing Antimicrobials in Pregnancy and Lactation: Principles and Illustrative Cases</b>
03.00 - 04.00 pm	<b>Challenging Cases in HIV Medicine</b>	03.00 - 04.00 pm	<b>Challenging Cases in Maternal and Paediatric ID</b>
04.00 - 04.15 pm	<b>Tea Break</b>		
04.15 - 05.15 pm	<b>PG Quiz</b>	04.15 - 05.15 pm	<b>Company Symposia</b>
<b>05.30 - 06.30 pm - Poster Rounds</b>			

HALL - 1		HALL - 2	
08.00 - 09.00 am	<b>Meet the Expert: Jugalbandi Between ID and Microbiology</b>	08.00 - 09.00 am	<b>Meet the Expert: What Guidelines Don't Teach You!</b> <i>Soft Skills, Research, and Career Pathways</i>
09.00 - 09.20 am	<b>Immune Reconstitution in TB. Too much of a Good Thing</b>	09.00 - 09.20 am	<b>A Day With the ID Pager (Pre Transplant Donor Screening)</b>
09.20 - 09.40 am	<b>Grey Zones in TB Treatment and Prevention</b>	09.20 - 09.40 am	<b>Management and Prevention of CMV in HSCT In India</b>
09.40 - 10.40 am	<b>Challenging Cases in TB and NTM</b>	09.40 -10.40 am	<b>Challenging Cases in the Immunocompromised Host</b>
10.40 - 11.00 am	<b>Tea Break</b>		
11.00 - 11.30 am	<b>Dr. M G Alexander Award</b>		
11.30 - 12.00 noon	<b>Strengthening AMR Containment in Gujarat</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. State Initiatives for Containment of Antimicrobial Resistance and Way Forward</li> <li>2. Gujarat State AMR Surveillance Network (GUJSAR-N): Findings and Way Forward</li> <li>3. Monitoring of AMSP Program and Laboratory Data-Based Disease Surveillance: Demo of AMR Dashboard</li> </ol>		
12.00 - 01.00 pm	<b>Inauguration</b>		
01.00 - 01.40 pm	<b>Lunch</b>		

<b>HALL - 1</b>		<b>HALL - 2</b>	
01.40 - 02.10 pm	<b>Gram Positive and Gram Negative Resistance in India: Resistance and Treatment Update</b>		
02.10 - 02.30 pm	<b>How to Improve Detection of Fungal Infections in ICU?</b>	02.10 - 02.30 pm	<b>Community Acquired Pneumonia: Illustrative Cases</b>
02.30 - 02.50 pm	<b>Breakthrough Invasive Fungal Infections</b>	02.30 - 02.50 pm	<b>ECMO for the ID Physician</b>
02.50 - 03.10 pm	<b>Controversies in Treatment of Invasive Fungal Infections</b>	02.50 - 03.10 pm	<b>Antimicrobial Dosing in Critically Ill Patients</b>
03.10 - 04.10 pm	<b>Challenging Cases in Mycology</b>	03.10 - 04.10 pm	<b>Challenging Cases in Gram Negative Infections</b>
04.10 - 04.30 pm	<b>Tea Break</b>		
04.30 - 05.30 pm	<b>Company Symposia</b>	04.30 - 05.30 pm	<b>Company Symposia</b>
<b>05.30 - 06.30 pm - Poster Rounds</b>			
<b>6.30 - 7.30 pm - CIDS GBM (Hall 1)</b>			
<b>7.30 pm Onwards - Cultural Program Followed by Dinner</b>			

**Sunday**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2026**

**Day 03**  
**Conference**

HALL - 1		HALL - 2	
08.00 - 09.00 am	<b>Oral and CIDS RSTMH Awardees' Presentation</b>	08.00 - 09.00 am	<b>Presentations by ID Fellows</b>
09.00 - 09.20 am	<b>Phage Therapy: An Update</b>	09.00 - 09.20 am	<b>NGS in Diagnosis of ID</b>
09.20 - 09.40 am	<b>How Can I use AI in Day-to-Day ID Practice</b>	09.20 - 09.40 am	<b>Nontraditional Methods of Drug Delivery</b>
09.40 - 10.00 am	<b>Approach to PUO</b>	09.40 - 11.00 am	<b>Challenging Cases in Implant ID</b>
10.00 - 11.00 am	<b>Challenging Cases in Urinary Tract Infections</b>		
11.00 - 11.20 am	<b>Tea Break</b>		
11.20 - 11.40 am	<b>Rabies Prophylaxis</b>	11.20 - 11.40 am	<b>C. Difficile: Diagnosis and Treatment Update</b>
11.40 - 12.20 pm	<b>Immunization Update</b>	11.40 - 12.00 noon	<b>Intraabdominal Infections</b>
		12.00 - 12.20 pm	<b>HLH and ID</b>
12.20 - 01.20 pm	<b>Adult Vaccination: Panel Discussion</b>	12.20 - 01.20 pm	<b>Challenging Cases in Neurological Infections</b>
01.20 - 01.35 pm	<b>Valedictory</b>		
01.35 pm	<b>Lunch</b>		

## Conference Registration Tariff

Category	Early Bird Upto 17 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	18 <sup>th</sup> June - 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	20 <sup>th</sup> July Onwards & Spot
<b>Member</b>	₹ 8,000/-	₹ 8,800/-	₹ 10,000/-
<b>Non - Member</b>	₹ 10,500/-	₹ 11,800/-	₹ 13,600/-
<b>PG Student / Fellow</b>	₹ 6,000/-	₹ 6,800/-	₹ 7,800/-
<b>International Delegate</b>	\$125	\$140	\$170

## Workshop Registration Tariff

Workshop Type	Workshop Name	No of Seats	Fee in INR
<b>Workshop (Full Day)</b>	<b>1. ID360: Mastering the basics</b>	<b>100</b>	₹ 2,950/-
	<b>2. Microbiology 360: Diagnostics, Stewardship and Infection Control</b>	<b>100</b>	₹ 2,950/-
	<b>3. The Zero defence challenge: Mastering ID in the Immunocompromised</b>	<b>100</b>	₹ 2,950/-
<b>Workshop (Half Day)</b>	<b>1. AI and Technology in ID practice</b>	<b>100</b>	₹ 2,360/-
	<b>2. ID issues in Surgical Practice</b>	<b>100</b>	₹ 2,360/-
<b>Combo Workshop</b>	<b>AI and Technology in ID practice + ID issues in Surgical Practice</b>		₹ 3,540/-

### **Please note:**

- Above registration fee includes 18% GST
- Post Graduates should produce valid certificate attested by the HOD. They should be in a training program during the time of the conference and the letter should mention the same. The letter or ID card should be valid till August, 2026
- Conference Kit for Spot Registrations is subject to availability.

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