

Pulmocon – 2026

Organised by: Institute of Pulmocare & Research

Program Schedule

2nd, 3rd and 4th of October 2026

Venue: CII Suresh Neotia, DC- 36, Sector – 1, Salt Lake City, (Behind City Centre), Kolkata – 64

Pre-conference evening Workshop on 02-10-2026, at 6 PM – 9 PM: AI in Clinical Practice and Research

Time	Topic / Session	Format	Lead Speaker
6:00 pm – 6:10 pm	Welcome: AI in Clinical Practice and Research	Interactive opening	Dr. Saikat Banerjee Dr. Abhishek J. Benur
6:10 pm – 6:25 pm	AI in Clinical Practice	Talk + rapid demonstrations	Dr. Saikat Banerjee Dr. Abhishek J. Benur
6:25 pm – 6:50 pm	Difficult Cases: How AI Can Help	Live cases + audience interaction	Dr. Saikat Banerjee
6:50 pm – 7:05 pm	Tests & Reports: How AI Can Help	Live demonstration	Dr. Saikat Banerjee
7:05 pm – 7:20 pm	Medicines: Interactions, Side Effects & Prescriptions	Live demonstration	Dr. Abhishek J. Benur, Dr. Saikat Banerjee
7:20 pm – 7:30 pm	Ask Better Questions	Live prompt-refinement exercise	Dr. Abhishek J. Benur
7:30 pm – 7:40 pm TEA BREAK			
7:40 pm – 8:00 pm	Finding Ideas & Research Questions	Live demonstration + exercise	Dr. Saikat Banerjee
8:00 pm – 8:20 pm	Finding & Understanding Research Papers	Live demonstration	Dr. Abhishek J. Benur
8:20pm – 8:40pm	From Research Question to Study Design	Case-based demonstration	Dr. Saikat Banerjee
8:40pm – 8:55pm	AI for Data, Writing & Presentation	End-to-end demonstration	Dr. Abhishek J. Benur, Dr. Saikat Banerjee
8:55pm – 9:00pm	Use AI Safely: Check Before You Trust	Interactive closing	Dr. Abhishek J. Benur, Dr. Saikat Banerjee
9 pm onward DINNER			

Day 1 (Hall A) 03-10-2026

Session/ Time	Time	Topic	Speaker(s)	Co-ordinator / Panelists	Chairperson
Ethics: 9:45 AM – 10:15 AM	9:45 AM – 10:15 AM	Consent issues in clinical practice & research	Dr. Anjan Adhikari		Dr. Abhradip Das Dr. Mainak Mukherjee Dr. Pranoy Sen
ILD: 10:15 AM – 11:45 AM	10:15AM – 10:30AM 10:30AM – 10:45AM 10:45AM – 11:00AM 11:00AM – 11:15AM	a) Antifibrotics in Non-IPF ILD (15 minutes) b) New radiological dimension in ILD (15 minutes) c) Anti-inflammatory therapy in ILD – What, when & how? (15 minutes) d) Autoimmune ILD – Perspective to diagnosis (15 minutes)	Dr. Suranjan Mukherjee Dr. Saikat Banerjee Dr. Abhra Ch. Chowdhury Dr. Kritarth Rathi	Co-ordinator: Dr. Sivaresmi Unnithan Panellist: Dr. Avishek Layek Dr. Saibal Ghosh Dr. Soumya Das Dr. Nandini Biswas	Dr. Sashwata Ghosh Dr. Sabyasachi Chowdhury
	11:15AM – 11:45AM	Panel discussion: the best practice of ILD with the best use of the available logistic support (30 minutes)			
Tea Break (11:45 AM – 12:00 Noon)					
Inauguration: 12:00 PM – 01:00 PM	12:00PM – 12:15PM 12:15PM – 01:00PM	Inauguration and APC Ray Innovation award Igniting innovation in young minds: Dr. Dhiman Ganguly	Dr. Rabin Mishra Dr. Supriya Sarkar Dr. P Bhattacharyya Dr. Dhiman Ganguly		
Lunch Break (01:00 PM – 1:45 PM)					
Bronchiectasis 1:45 PM – 03:00 PM	01:45PM – 02:00PM	Mucus targeted therapy in bronchiectasis (15 min)	Dr. Avya Bansal	Co-Ordinator: Dr. Sumit Sengupta	Subject Expert: Dr. Raja Dhar
	02:00PM – 02:20PM	Biology of bronchiectasis and mechanism-based interventions (20 min)	Dr. Raja Dhar		
	02:20PM – 02:30PM	Q & A session		Panelists: Dr. Samarjit Das Dr. Sumanta Jha Dr. Arnab Maji Dr. Shashank Kumar	
	02:30PM – 03:00PM	Panel discussion: bronchiectasis: suspicion to diagnosis (30 minutes)			

Day 1 (Hall A) 03-10-2026

Session/ Time	Time	Topic	Speaker(s)	Co-ordinator / Panelists	Chairperson
Pulmonary Vascular Disorders 3:00 PM – 4:15PM	03:00PM – 03:15PM	Early detection of pulmonary vascular resistance (12 minutes)	Dr. Parthasarathi Bhattacharyya	Co-ordinator: Dr. Arindam Mukherjee Panellist: Dr. Anirban Neogi Dr. Rupam Ta Dr. Chandan Sheet Dr. Kritarth Rathi	Dr. N K Sit Dr. Mita Roy Dr. Sujit Bhattacharya
	03:15PM – 03:30PM	Screening and identification of CTEPD and CTEPH (12 minutes)	Dr. Pallav Bhattacharyya		
	03:30PM – 03:45PM	Identifying candidates for pulmonary endarterectomy and balloon pulmonary angioplasty (15 minutes)	Dr. Sumanto Mukhopadhyay		
	03:45PM – 03:55PM	Echo Doppler for pulmonologists: Important issues (15 minutes)	Dr. Aniruddha De		
	03:55PM – 04:15PM	Panel discussion: understanding our basic scenario in pulmonary vascular disease (20 mins)			
Tea Break (04:15 PM – 04:30 PM)					
Tuberculosis 4:30 PM– 5:30 PM	04:15PM – 04:30PM	• Optimizing molecular assays for pulmonary and extrapulmonary tuberculosis (15 minutes)	Dr. Bhaskar N Chaudhuri	Co-ordinator: Dr. Surajit Chatterjee Panellist: Dr. Pranab Mandal Dr. Kunal Waghray Dr. Moumita Chatterjee Dr. Ajay Agarwalla	Dr. Priyanka Das Dr. Sourav Datta
	04:30PM – 04:45PM	• NTEP — policy updates and implementation in private practice (15 minutes)	Dr. Prakash Sivaramakrishnan		
	04:45PM – 05:00PM	• TB mimics – case-based discussion with panel (15 minutes)	Dr. Surajit Chatterjee		
	05:00PM – 05:30PM	• Q & A session (30 minutes)			

Day 2 (Hall A) 04-10-2026

Session/ Time	Time	Topic	Speaker(s)	Co-ordinator / Panelists	Chairpersons
Fungal disease spectrum and therapeutics 09:30 AM – 10:30 AM	09:30AM–09:40AM 09:40AM–09:50AM 09:50AM–10:00AM 10:00AM–10:10AM	a) Background of fungal infection of lungs (10 minutes) b) Antifungals: actions and interaction (10 minutes) c) Fungi in pulmonary diseases — treat the disease, not the colonization (10 minutes) d) Deciding the duration of antifungal therapy (10 minutes)	Dr. Pallav Bhattacharyya Dr. Shambo Samrat Samajdar Dr. Indranil Halder Dr. Debabani Biswas	Co-ordinator: Dr. C P Sharma Panelists: Dr. Pawan Agarwal Dr. Anirban Sarkar Dr. Suman Banerjee Dr. Saikat Nag Dr. S K Madhukar	Dr. Avishek Roy Dr. Niladri Palit Dr. Suvayan Mondal Dr. Sulagna Banerjee
	10:10AM–10:30AM	Panel Discussion: Identifying and managing fungal lung disease in clinical practice (20 minutes)			
Tea Break (10:30 am - 10:45 am)					
Airway Disease 10:45 AM – 12:30 PM	10:45AM–11:10AM 11:10AM–11:20AM 11:20AM–11:30AM 11:30AM–11:40AM 11:40AM–11:50AM 11:50AM–12:00PM	a) Debate: SITT Vs MITT (10 minutes each) b) What's new in OAD therapeutics (10 minutes) c) COPD exacerbation (10 minutes) d) Biologics in OAD (10 minutes) e) Precision therapy in OAD (10 minutes) f) GOLD guidelines in clinical practice (10 minutes)	Dr. Riksoam Chatterjee / Dr. Ritabrata Mitra Dr. Debopam Chatterjee Dr. Avishek Kar Dr. Angira Dasgupta Dr. Subhasis Mukherjee Dr. S K Madhukar	Co-ordinator: Dr. Samadarshi Datta Panelists: Dr. Soumya Sengupta Dr. Arnab Bera Dr. Shreyami Saha Dr. Sanjay Gupta	Dr. Ajay Agarwalla
	12:00PM–12:30PM	Panel discussion: how to go ahead with making a change in practice (30 minutes)			

Day 2 (Hall A) 04-10-2026

Session/ Time	Time	Topic	Speaker(s)	Co-ordinator / Panelists	Chairperson
Oration 12:30 PM – 01:30 PM	12:30PM-1:30PM	Dr. S N De Memorial Oration: “Conquering Kala-azar: India's remarkable journey towards elimination”	Prof. Shyam Sundar		
LUNCH break (01:30 PM – 02:15 PM)					
Pulmo-QUIZ	02:15 PM – 02:45 PM	Final round (30 minutes)			
Chronic Indolent Infections 02:45 PM – 03:30PM	02:45PM–03:00PM 03:00PM–03:15PM 03:15PM–03:30PM	Melioidosis: The great pulmonary mimicker you cannot afford to miss (15 minutes) Viewpoint: when to treat and when not to treat NTM disease (15 minutes) Q & A session (15 minutes)	Dr. P R Mohapatra Dr. Subhasish Ghosh	Co-ordinator: Dr. Sudip Ghosh Panellist: Dr. Arnasish Hota Dr. Priyanka Das Dr. Jaydip Deb Dr. Sujan Bardhan	
Interventional Pulmonology 03:30 PM – 04:30 PM	03:30PM–03:45PM 03:45PM–04:00PM 04:00PM–04:15PM 04:15PM–04:30PM	Maximizing the yield of linear and radial EBUS: evidence-based and practical tips (15 minutes) Cryobiopsy in ILD — is it ready to replace surgical lung biopsy? (15 minutes) Navigation and robotic bronchoscopy — future or present reality? (15 minutes) Panel Discussion: From imaging target to actionable diagnosis (15 minutes)	Dr. Girish Sindhwani Dr. Shyam Krishnan Dr. Viswesvaran B Subject expert: Dr. Girish Sindhwani Dr. Viswesvaran B	Co-ordinator: Dr. Sushmita Roychowdhury Panellist: Dr. Sanghabrata Sur Dr. Deboprasad Das Dr. Vaibhav Kajaria Dr. Sumeet De	
Tea Break (04:40 pm - 04:55 pm)					
Sleep 04:30 PM – 05:20 PM	04:30PM–04:50PM 04:50PM–05:10PM 05:10PM–05:20PM	APAP vs Fixed PAP in Obstructive sleep apnea (10 +10 minutes) Relevance of phenotypic management of OSA in daily practice (20mins) Oro-myofunctional therapy in OSA: role and benefits (10 minutes)	Dr. Avishek Kar/Dr. Subhankar Chakraborty Dr. Arup Halder Somnath Maity		
Validatory and award session (05:20 pm - 05:35 pm)					

Day 1 (Hall B) 03-10-2026

Session/ Time	Time	Topic	Speaker(s)	Co-ordinator / Panelists
Poster and platform presentation	10:00 AM – 12:45 PM	Poster and platform presentation		
12:00 noon – 01:00 PM		Inauguration and APC Ray Innovation award at Hall A		
LUNCH break 01:00 PM – 02:00 PM				
Workshop on Medical Thoracoscopy: 2:00 PM - 05:00 PM	02:00PM–02:20PM	General ideas, guidelines discussion (20 minutes)	Dr. Pallav Bhattacharyya	Dr. Avishek Kar
	02:20PM–02:40PM	Precaution, indications, and contraindication of thoracoscopy (20 minutes)	Dr. Sumeet De	
	02:40PM–03:00PM	Performing thoracoscopy in difficult situations (20 minutes)	Dr. Shyam Krishnan	
	03:00PM–03:30PM	Live demonstration of a case of thoracoscopy (30 minutes)	Dr. Sourabh Maji	
	03:30PM–04:30PM	Hands on practice (60 minutes)	Dr. Vaibhav Kajaria	
Tea Break (05:00 pm – 05:15 pm)				
Pulmo Quiz	05:15 PM - 05:45 PM	Pulmo-QUIZ SCREENING		

Day 2 (Hall B) 04-10-2026

Session/ Time	Time	Topic	Speaker(s)	Co-ordinator / Panelists
Poster and platform presentation	10:00 AM – 12:30 PM	Poster and platform presentation	Judge: Dr. Rajat Pal, Dr. Rajat Banerjee, Dr. Sudipto Saha	
Tea Break 12:30PM - 12:45PM				
12:45 PM – 01:30 PM	Oration	Dr. SN De Memorial Oration at Hall A	Orator: Prof Shyam Sundar	
LUNCH break 01:30 PM – 02:30 PM				
Program at Hall A				

Dr. Motiur Rahaman as observer faculty for quality related appraisal to help planning of future academic effort.