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Dear Friends,

MSSCON 2026, The 8th Annual Conference of Mumbai Surgical Society, and the 12th Annual General Body Meeting, was held on 28th – 29th March, at LTMMC and LTMG Sion.

Dr. Satish Dharap, President-MSS, presided over the function with the help of Dr. Milind Ruke, Hon. Sec-MSS and the entire Ex Co of MSS.

Another successful event, combined with post-graduate teaching taking precedence, and rightly so. They are the future. Training of young surgeons so that they can be competent enough to operate on you! If the need arises.

There were two halls, simultaneously working through the Scientific program. Hall B was exclusively for the PG teaching, giving opportunity to present their work to a larger audience. Hall A, conducted the Best paper session, Inauguration, Oration, and the AGM. Several panel discussions and debates were also conducted.

I have tried my best to do justice to this newsletter; hope you enjoy the content.

The Conference started with the Best Paper Session in Hall A. The PG's had the opportunities to present their work in the main auditorium, in front of all the delegates and faculty present. And the winners were:

Winners of the Best Paper Session:

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| 1) Dr. Pritik Shah | LTMMC & LTMG, Sion. |
| 2) Dr. Prajay Chaure | GSMC & KEM Hospital. |
| 3) Dr. Richa Verma | Dr L H Hiranandani Hosp. |

'How I do it?' is another award session, for consultant surgeons. Also conducted every year and the winners for this year:

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| 1) Dr. Sachin Bhojankar | LTMMC & LTMG, Sion. |
| 2) Dr. Asma Khalife | TNMC & BYL Nair Hospital. |
| 3) Dr. Mahadeo Garale | GSMC & KEM Hospital. |

The number of papers submitted every year, from the inception of these sessions, were overwhelming. We started by selecting the first 6 papers received, then, switched to selection by a committee, then tried to increase the number of papers and reduce the time allotted for presentation. Still, some face disappointment for not getting the opportunity to present. Well, I can only say, that we all do good work, opportunities will come for presenting them, sometimes, you have to sit and hear others present too! It is very encouraging to the person who is presenting, if their Deans, HOD's, Teachers, Seniors, Past President are present in the audience to hear them. You, can also be part of that 'elite' listening crowd! Try it. We have to encourage our young presenters by attending the programs in large numbers. That is the support needed to train better surgeons. Let's face it, our Students, Juniors, will operate on us, in the future, don't you want them to be trained well?

A Pre-Conference Workshop was conducted at the Skill Lab of LTMC & BYL Nair Hospital for PG's on Cadavers, followed by Certification for those who registered.



5 PG's attended the 'Essential Surgical Skill' Course on 28.03.2026.

Inaugural Function:

Dr. Sailesh Mohite, Dean (T & N), Director (ME & MH) was the Chief Guest. Dr. Madhuri Gore was the Orator for this Conference. They, along with the Ex Co of MSS, inaugurated the Conference.



Dr. Satish Dharap, President-MSS, delivering his presidential address.



Dr. Sailesh Mohite being felicitated by Dr. Dharap and Dr. Milind Ruke, Hon Sec.-MSS.



This year, Dr. Kishore Adyanthaya and Dr. Naresh Row were honoured and appointed as Senior Advisor-Trustees of MSS.



Dr. Asma Khalife and Dr. Mahadeo Garale receiving the Certificates for the session, along with Dr. Sachin Bhojankar.

Oration:

Oration for 2026 was Dr. Madhuri Gore and the topic of her Oration was 'Opening the Doors'.



Madam being felicitated by Dr. Satish Dharap, President-MSS and Dr. Milind Ruke, Hon. Sec-MSS.

Session in Hall B:



Elections were held during the AGM and a new team elected:



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