

16th NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON **CORNEA** & **EYE** **BANKING**

Annual Convention of EBAI



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Day 1





Day1

05 SEPT 2026
Saturday

HALL A- ZEUS

Session 1

RESEARCH IN EYE BANKING

 **Time: 08:00 – 09:00 AM (6 min each)**

Role	Faculty
Chair	Dr. Sunita Chaurasia
Co-Chair	Dr. Sujata Das, Dr. Swati Tomar

No	Topic	Speaker
1	Eye Bank Utilisation Audit	Dr. Anagha V
2	Analysis of Discarded Donor Corneas: Can Tissue Wastage be Reduced?	Dr. Sree Priya
3	Microbiological spectrum and probability of transmitting infection from ocular tissues of enucleated eyes from septicemic donors	Ms. Pooja Heroliya
4	To evaluate the in vitro changes in ECD of donor corneas preserved in Cornisol and determine the pattern of endothelial cell loss over time	Mr. Arun H N
5	Association between Eye Donation Awareness of Next-of-Kin and Eye Donation after Grief Counselling	Mr Mahipal Chouhan





Day1

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Saturday

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Session 2

EYE BANKING 4.0: INNOVATION, INTELLIGENCE & IMPACT



Time: 09:00 – 10:45 AM (8 min each)

Role	Faculty
Chair	Lt General Dr. Parihar
Co-Chair	Dr. Namrata Sharma
Moderator	Dr. Manisha Acharya, Dr Chitra Raghavan
Panelists	Dr. Sunita Chaurasia, Dr. Swati Tomar, Dr. Ashi Khurana

No	Topic	Speaker
1	AI in Donor Tissue Grading: Pits and Pitfalls	Dr. Aravind Roy
2	Technology in Tissue Transport	Dr. Manisha Acharya
3	Blockchain and Traceability in Eye Banking	Ms. Rakhi Nathawat
4	National Donor Registry Models to Replicate in India	Dr. Sujata Das
5	Vision for Life	Ms. Vandana
6	One for All – All for One	Dr. Pravin Krishna



Tea/Coffee Break





Day1

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Saturday

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Session 3

KEYNOTE ADDRESS & PLENARY SESSION



Time: 10 : 45- 11 : 45 AM

Role	Faculty
Chair	Dr. Namrata Sharma
Co-Chair	Dr. Pushpa Jacob

No	Topic	Speaker
1	Nahata Oration	Dr Radhika Tandon
2	The Future Cornea Surgeon: Precision, Personalisation & Predictive Medicine	Dr. Revathi Rajaraman





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Saturday

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Session 4

**EYE BANKING 2030:
BUILDING SUSTAINABLE SYSTEMS FOR RESTORING SIGHT**



Time: 11:45 AM – 1:00 PM (8 min each)

Role	Faculty
Chair	Dr. Swati Tomar Dr. Chitra Raghavan
Co-Chair	Mr. Hariharan
Moderator	Ms. Rakhi Nathawat

No	Topic	Speaker
1	Public Outreach & Grief Counselling: Strategies to Combat Donation Myths, Improve Counsellor Training and Support Donor Families	Dr. Ashi Khurana
2	Building Tomorrow's Eye Bank Workforce: Managing Recruitment and Retention of Gen Z	Mr. D. Saravanan
3	Eye Banking Models – Indian Perspective	Dr. Neeti Gupta
4	Telephonic Counselling – A Successful Model	Dr. Aneeta Jabbar
5	Role of EBAI for Eye Banks	Mrs. Uma Jhawar
6	From Dream to Reality: One Lakh Corneal Transplants – Enabling Policy, Empowering Eye Banks, Restoring Sight	Mr. G. Srinivas
7	The Dual Engine of Sight: Adopting and Sustaining Volunteer-Initiated Eye Collection	Mr. Sijo Jose



Lunch: 1:00 – 2:00 PM





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Session 5

EYE BANKING QUIZ



Time: 2:00 – 3:40 PM

No	Format	Faculty
1	Common Quiz for Eye Bankers & Cornea Specialists (4 Teams × 3 Participants)	Dr. Swati Tomar, Dr. Sunita Chaurasia

3.40 PM onwards – General Body Meeting (Hall B -ARES)

6:00 PM – Inauguration (Hall A-ZEUS)





Day1

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Saturday

HALL B -ARES

Session 1

**CORNEAL FRONTIERS:
WHERE INNOVATION MEETS CLINICAL PRACTICE**



Time: 9:00 – 10:15 AM (8 min each)

Role	Faculty
Chair	Dr. Sujatha Mohan
Co-Chair	Dr. Chitra Raghavan
Moderator	Dr. Sachin Mathew George
Panelists	Dr. Vinay Pillai, Dr. Sinumol, Dr. Mallika

No	Topic	Speaker
1	Corneal Imaging that Altered My Practice	Dr. Sujatha Mohan
2	Managing Interface Infection after Lamellar Keratoplasty	Dr. Sunita Chaurasia
3	AI-assisted Infectious Keratitis Diagnosis	Dr. Tanmay Gokhale
4	Ocular Surface Optimisation Before Keratoplasty	Dr. Mariya Doctor
5	Neurotrophic Keratitis: Beyond Cenegeermin	Dr. Anil Radhakrishnan
6	Cataract Surgery in a Post-Keratoplasty Patient	Dr. Neeti Gupta
7	Pediatric Graft Rejection: Early Recognition and Timely Intervention	Dr. Sowjanya



Tea/Coffee 10:15 – 10:30 AM

10:30 – 11:30 AM: Common Plenary Session (Hall A ZEUS)





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HALL B -ARES

Session 2

**MASTERING CORNEAL SURGERY:
PRECISION, INNOVATION & RECONSTRUCTION**



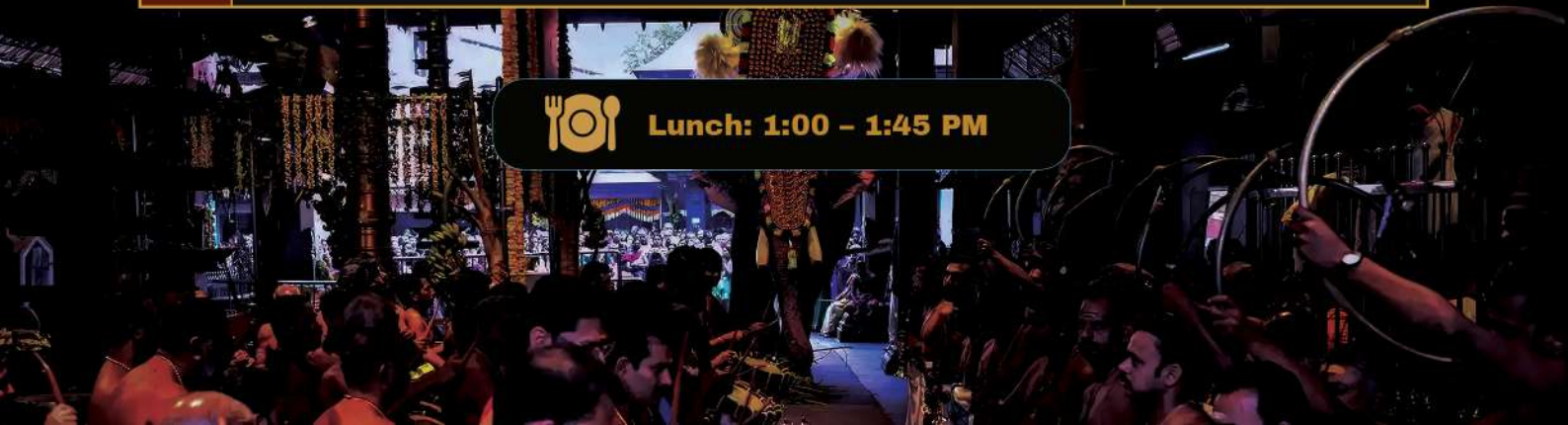
Time: 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM (10 min each)

Role	Faculty
Chair	Dr. Radhika Tandon
Moderator	Dr. Anil Radhakrishnan
Panelists	Dr. Sunita Chaurasia, Dr. Sowjanya, Dr. Srivalli

No	Topic	Speaker
1	Ultra-thin DSAEK versus DMEK: Choosing Wisely	Dr. Sujatha Mohan
2	DMEK is the Way to Go	Dr. Namrata Sharma
3	Managing Intra-operative Surprises in DALK	Dr. Radhika Tandon
4	Managing Astigmatism after Keratoplasty	Dr. Rajesh Sinha
5	SLET: Evolution and Future Directions	Dr. Sayan Basu
6	Chronic Cicatrising Conjunctivitis: Updates	Dr. Radhika Tandon
7	Regenerative Medicine: Lessons from Other Organs and Where it Stands in Treating Ocular Diseases	Dr. V.R Ravi
8	Patterns and frequency of Keratoplasty in corneal Dystrophy in tertiary eye Hospital in Nepal	Dr. Rachana Singh Rana



Lunch: 1:00 – 1:45 PM





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Session 3

CORNEAL CROSSROADS



Time: 1:45 – 2:30 PM (8 min each)

Role	Faculty
Chair	Dr. Rajesh Sinha
Moderator	Dr. Neena Chris William
Panelists	Dr. Aravind Roy, Dr. Anil Radhakrishnan, Dr. Sachin Mathew George

No	Topic	Speaker
1	DMEK Will Replace DSAEK Completely?	Dr. Rajesh Sinha
2	Optical PK is Likely to Become Obsolete?	Dr. Srivalli Kaza
3	AI Will Outperform Clinicians and Corneal Surgeons?	Dr. Pravin Krishna
4	Biosynthetic Corneal Substitutes: Myth or Reality?	Dr. Namrata Sharma
5	Boston KPro is Better than Repeat Grafting in Multiple Failed Grafts?	Dr. Sayan Basu



Day 2





Day2

06 SEPT 2026
Sunday

HALL A -ZEUS

Session 1

OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE IN EYE BANKING



Time: 9:00 – 10:30 AM

Role	Faculty
Chair	Dr. Rajesh Sinha
Co-Chair	Mr. Hariharan
Moderator	Mr. D. Saravanan

No	Topic	Speaker
1	Specular Microscopic Evaluation of Donor Corneas	Mr. Arvind Akula
2	Performance Indicators at HCRP	Ms. Madhumita Banerjee
3	Quantitative Endothelial Analysis: The Interplay of Age and Cause of Death	Mr. Thyagaraj
4	Role of Optometrist in Eye Banking	Mr. Shripat Dixit
5	Quality Control in Eye Banking	Mr. Abhinit Jain
6	Common Recovery Errors by the Technician	Ms. K. Anusuya
7	Microbial profile of donor cadaver eyes and efficacy of Povidone -iodine in reducing microorganisms prior to corneal recoveryIn Nepal Eye Bank	Mr. Shankha Narayan Twyana



Tea/Coffee 10:30 – 11:00 AM





Day2

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Sunday

HALL A -ZEUS

Session 2

**STRENGTHENING EYE BANKING:
STRATEGY, STANDARDS & SUSTAINABLE GROWTH**



Time: 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Role	Faculty
Chair	Dr. Namrata Sharma
Co-Chair	Dr. Sunita Chaurasia
Moderator	Ms. Rakhi Nathawat

No	Topic	Speaker
1	Strategic Global Partnership for Eye Bank Development	Mr. Mohd. Rashid
2	Standardized Eye Bank Report Submission to Government Sectors: Process, Compliance & Best Practices	Mr. Ramesh Chimmwal
3	Major Challenges in Indian Eye Banking	Mr. Rajiv Kumar
4	Performance Indicators at HCRP	Mr. Madhumita Banerjee
5	HCRP – Tips & Tricks	Ms. Niladri Das
6	Proteomic Insights into molecular reprogramming of preserved human corneas:	Mr. Dheeraj Mohania

1:00 PM – Valedictory Function followed by Lunch





Day2

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Session 1

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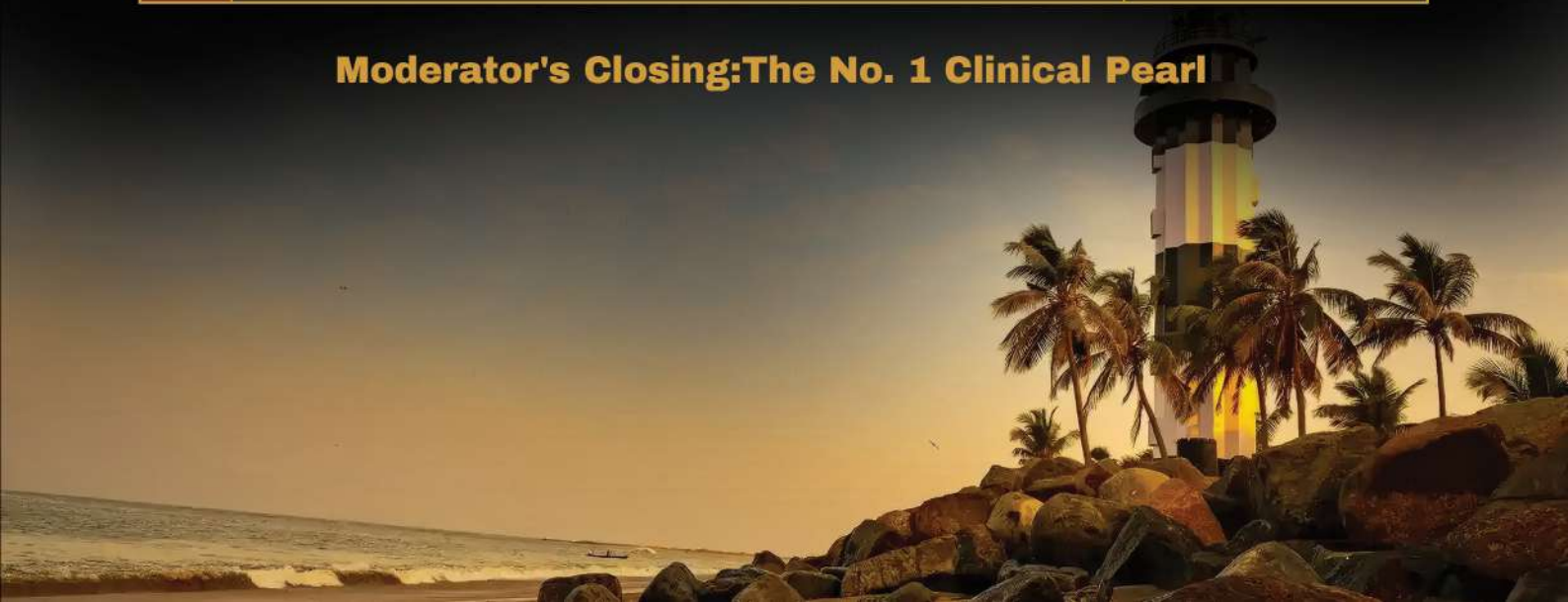
 **Time: 9:00 – 10:30 AM (8 minutes each)**

Role	Faculty
Moderator	Dr. Vinay Pillai
Panelists	Dr. Laly, Dr. Sri Shankar, Dr. Reshmi, Dr. Tanmay

Rapid-fire Case-based Session

No	Clinical Scenario	Speaker
1	Peripheral Ulcerative Keratitis (PUK)	Dr. Divya Giridhar
2	Terrien's Marginal Degeneration	Dr. Sugaranjini G
3	Pellucid Marginal Degeneration (PMD)	Dr. Thanusree
4	Acute chemical injury with Limbal Ischaemia	Dr. Anaswara M John
5	Corneal Tattooing	Dr. Sreelakshmi R
6	Ocular Surface Squamous Neoplasia (OSSN)	Dr. Neena Chris William

Moderator's Closing: The No. 1 Clinical Pearl





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Session 2

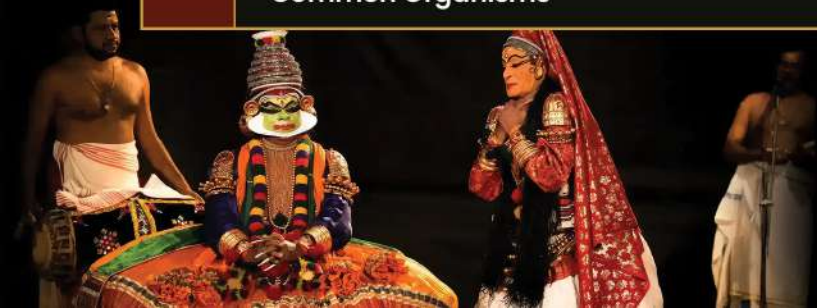
**MASTERING THE CHALLENGING CORNEA:
COMPLEX CASES, SURGICAL PEARLS & EVOLVING SOLUTIONS**



Time: 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM (8 min each)

Role	Faculty
Chair	Dr. Merle Fernandes
Co-Chair	Dr. Siddharthan
Moderator	Dr. Sri Shankar
Panelists	Dr. Sunita Chaurasia, Dr. Anil Radhakrishnan, Dr. Sinumol, Dr. Sugaranjini, Dr. Mariya Doctor

No	Topic	Speaker
1	Recurrent Failed Graft in a One-eyed Patient: What Next?	Dr. Shilpa Das
2	Pediatric Keratoplasty: Survival Tips	Dr. Merle Fernandes
3	CAIRS and Biological Solutions in Keratoconus	Dr. Siddharthan
4	Fungal Keratitis: Challenges, Choices and Changing Paradigms	Dr. Shalini P
5	Therapeutic Keratoplasty: Timing Matters	Dr. Sachin Mathew George
6	Stromal Augmentation Techniques	Dr. Charuta Puranik
7	Alternatives to Conventional Endothelial Keratoplasty	Dr. Reshmi K
8	A Case of Tectonic Sclerokeratoplasty: A Globe-saving Procedure	Dr. Sinumol
9	Microbial Keratitis: Uncommon Presentations of Common Organisms	Dr. Merle Fernandes



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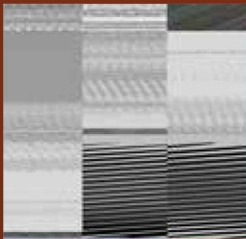
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WELCOME TO KOCHI THE QUEEN OF THE ARABIAN SEA

Kochi, the commercial capital of Kerala and popularly known as the "Queen of the Arabian Sea," is a city where centuries of history blend seamlessly with modern progress. With its world-class connectivity, warm hospitality, rich multicultural heritage, scenic backwaters, vibrant arts, and renowned healthcare institutions, Kochi offers an inspiring destination for scientific exchange and meaningful collaboration. We warmly welcome all delegates to experience the charm, culture, cuisine, and natural beauty of God's Own Country while participating in the 16th National Conference on Cornea & Eye Banking and Annual Convention of the Eye Bank Association of India (EBAI) 2026.



FORT KOCHI

Fort Kochi is the historic heart of Kochi and one of Kerala's most iconic tourist destinations. Renowned for its colonial architecture, charming streets, and rich cultural heritage, Fort Kochi reflects the influence of Portuguese, Dutch, and British rule. Visitors can explore the famous Chinese Fishing Nets, St. Francis Church, Santa Cruz Basilica, heritage museums, art galleries, and vibrant cafés. The picturesque waterfront and annual Kochi-Muziris Biennale make Fort Kochi a must-visit destination for history, art, and culture enthusiasts.



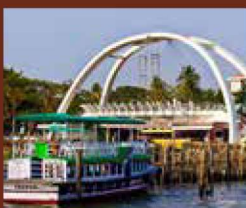
MATTANCHERRY PALACE (DUTCH PALACE)

The Mattancherry Palace, popularly known as the Dutch Palace, is one of Kerala's finest heritage monuments. Originally built by the Portuguese in the 16th century and later renovated by the Dutch, the palace showcases magnificent Kerala-style architecture and exquisite murals depicting scenes from the Ramayana, Mahabharata, and royal history of the Cochin Kingdom. It stands as a remarkable symbol of Kerala's rich cultural and artistic traditions.



JEW TOWN & PARADESI SYNAGOGUE

Jew Town is one of Kochi's oldest heritage quarters, famous for its antique shops, spice markets, and colonial charm. At its heart stands the historic Paradesi Synagogue, built in 1568, one of the oldest active synagogues in the Commonwealth. The synagogue is renowned for its hand-painted Chinese tiles, Belgian chandeliers, and beautifully preserved Torah scrolls. Walking through Jew Town offers visitors a unique glimpse into Kochi's multicultural history.



MARINE DRIVE, KOCHI

Marine Drive is Kochi's most popular waterfront promenade, offering spectacular views of the backwaters and Kochi Harbour. The scenic walkway is famous for its sunset views, boating experiences, shopping centres, and iconic Rainbow Bridge. It is a favourite destination for delegates seeking a relaxing evening after scientific sessions and provides a perfect blend of nature and urban life.



CHERAI BEACH

Located about 30 km from Kochi city, Cherai Beach is one of Kerala's most beautiful beaches. The beach is known for its golden sands, calm Arabian Sea waters, coconut groves, and breathtaking sunsets. Visitors may also spot playful dolphins offshore. Cherai offers a peaceful retreat and is an ideal destination for relaxation and leisure.



HILL PALACE MUSEUM

The Hill Palace at Tripunithura is Kerala's largest archaeological museum and was once the official residence of the Maharajas of Cochin. Spread across beautifully landscaped gardens, the palace complex houses royal artefacts, ancient manuscripts, traditional weapons, sculptures, paintings, and archaeological collections, offering visitors a fascinating journey through Kerala's royal heritage.



ATHIRAPPILLY WATERFALLS

Often called the "Niagara of India," Athirappilly Waterfalls is Kerala's largest waterfall, cascading from a height of nearly 80 feet amidst lush tropical forests. Located about 70 km from Kochi, the waterfall is one of Kerala's most spectacular natural attractions and has served as the backdrop for numerous Indian films. The surrounding forest is rich in biodiversity and offers excellent opportunities for nature photography.



MUNNAR

Approximately 125 km from Kochi, Munnar is Kerala's most celebrated hill station. Famous for its rolling tea plantations, mist-covered mountains, waterfalls, and pleasant climate, Munnar is home to Eravikulam National Park and the endangered Nilgiri Tahr. It is one of South India's premier eco-tourism destinations and a favourite excursion for visitors from across the world.



KUMARAKOM BACKWATERS

Kumarakom, located on the banks of Vembanad Lake, is internationally renowned for its serene backwaters, luxury houseboats, bird sanctuary, and tranquil village life. A houseboat cruise through the backwaters offers visitors an unforgettable experience of Kerala's unique ecosystem, traditional lifestyle, and scenic beauty.



THEKKADY (PERIYAR TIGER RESERVE)

Nestled in the Western Ghats, Thekkady is home to the famous Periyar Tiger Reserve, one of India's premier wildlife sanctuaries. Visitors can enjoy boat safaris on Periyar Lake, bamboo rafting, nature walks, and wildlife spotting, including elephants, deer, bison, and a variety of bird species. Thekkady is also famous for its spice plantations and eco-tourism activities.





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