

NESCON 2026

44th Annual Conference of the

Neuro-Otological and Equilibrimetric Society of India

Pre-conference Vertigo Masterclass: 22 October 2026

Conference: 23 – 25 October 2026

Detailed Scientific Programme

Venue

Cancer Hospital and Research Institute

Gwalior, MP

Pre-conference Workshop — Thursday, 22 October 2026

Vertigo Masterclass

Mentor - Dr Srinivas Dorasla

Hands-on Workshop on Bedside Vestibular Assessment & Investigations

This workshop is structured to take participants from clean clinical examination technique to confident interpretation of the common vestibular investigations. Numbers in Hall B will be capped to allow hands-on rotation through stations.

Time	Dr Manoj Chaturvedi Hall	
9:00 – 9:30	Registration & Welcome Tea	
9:30 – 9:45	Workshop Opening Aims, station rotation plan, safety briefing	
9:45 – 11:00	MODULE 1 — Bedside Examination & Positional Maneuvers (Lecture-Demonstration) HINTS-plus, head impulse, head-shake, vibration-induced nystagmus, VOR cancellation, gait & Romberg variants	
11:00 – 11:30	Tea Break	
11:30 – 1:00	STATION 1 — Diagnostic Positional Maneuvers Dix-Hallpike, supine roll, side-lying, deep head hanging; pitfalls & atypical presentations	STATION 2 — Therapeutic Maneuvers Epley, Semont, Gufoni, Yacovino, log-roll variants; choosing the right maneuver
1:00 – 2:00	Lunch	
2:00 – 3:30	STATION 3 — Interpretation of Nystagmus Spontaneous, gaze-evoked, positional, head-shake, central vs peripheral patterns; video demonstrations & practice tracings	STATION 4 — Conducting & Interpreting VNG / Caloric / Rotatory Chair Calibration, artefact recognition, unilateral weakness, directional preponderance, gain/asymmetry on rotatory chair
3:30 – 4:00	Tea Break	
4:00 – 5:00	STATION 5 — vHIT & Video Frenzel Recording Six-canal vHIT performance, covert and overt saccades, common errors, refixation patterns	STATION 6 — VEMPs & Posturography Cervical and ocular VEMPs — set-up, normative values, interpretation; static and dynamic posturography read-outs
5:00	Workshop Closes	

Day 1 — Friday, 23 October 2026**THEME: Cochlear Implants**

Time	Day 1 — Friday, 23 October 2026 - (Dr S R Agrawal Memorial Hall)		
9:00 – 11:00	Live Surgery – Dr Satish Jain Chairperson Dr. Deepak Dalmia Dr. Sunil Somani Dr Mukesh Jaiswal		
11:00 – 11:25	Presidential Oration – Dr Ramesh Rohiwal (Dr S R Agrawal Memorial Hall only) Chairperson Dr V P Narvey Dr Prateek Porwal Dr Darwin Kaushal		
	THEME: CORE CONCEPTS		
	Symposium on Cochlear Implant - Concepts		
	Topic	Speaker	Chairperson
11:25	Hearing & Structure Preservation with MED-EL FLEX CI Electrodes	Mr Prem Ranjan Audiologist and Director MED-EL India Pvt Ltd	Dr Yashveer JK Dr Deepanshu Singhal Dr SP Sahani
11:35	Neonatal Hearing screenings: lessons learnt in program implementation	Dr Narendhiran Sathyamoorthy, AIIMS	
11:45	AIM and Remote Programming	Ms Malavika Puthiyadath	
12:00	Clinic to Cloud – Way forward in CI Rehabilitation	Mr Sanjeev Kanchan	
12:15	Preop- Audiological evaluation – what surgeon should know	Mrs Ruchika Mittal	
12:30 – 1:30	Flexi Lunch & Industry Exhibits		

Time	Day 1 — Friday, 23 October 2026 - (Dr S R Agrawal Memorial Hall)		
1:30 – 1:50	Dr Isha Tyagi Key Note - Dr. Sampath Chandra Prasad Rao – Skull Base Paragangliomas: state of the Art Chairperson Dr Aparna Chauhan Dr Amit Keshri Dr Ritu Nigam		
	Symposium on CI Surgery		
1:50	CI in IP deformity	Dr Amit Keshri	Dr Deepanshu Singhal Dr Mukesh Rawat Dr Sunil Gupta
2:00	Adult Cochlear Implant	Dr S P Dubey, Bhopal	
2:15	Potential Red Flag in CI surgery	Dr Kapil Sikka, AIIMS Delhi	
2:30	Post Mastoidectomy CI & Other conditions	Dr Deepak Dalmia	
2:45			
3:00	Simultaneous Ipsilateral Implantation alongside Skull Base Surgery	Dr. Sampath Chandra Prasad Rao	
3:15	Cochlear Implantation in special situations.	Dr NVK Mohan	
3:30	Panel – Difficult situation in Cochlear Implant Surgery	Moderator Dr Deepak Dalmia Panelist Dr. Sampath Chandra Prasad Rao Dr Kapil Sikka, AIIMS Delhi Dr S P Dubey, Bhopal Dr Amit Keshri, Lukhnow Dr Pawan Singhal	
3:50 – 4:15	Dr P P Karnik Oration – Dr Vijayalakshmi Subramaniam - No longer alone. The story of how a strong vestibular community was built (Dr S R Agrawal Memorial Hall only) Chairperson Dr SP Dubey Dr Surajit Barman		

Time	Day 1 — Friday, 23 October 2026 - (Dr S R Agrawal Memorial Hall)		
	Dr Nilotpal Dutta		
	Symposium on Sensori-neural Hearing Loss (SNHL)		
4:15	Acoustic trauma and recent advances in its management	Maj (Dr) Divya Sethi, Command hospital, Lukhnow	Dr Yamini Gupta Dr Brajesh Sharma Dr Anupam Mishra
4:30	Comprehensive Management of sudden sensorineural hearing loss: evidence based institutional experience	Dr Pawan Singhal, SMS Jaipur	
4:45	Panel Discussion: Management strategies of Sudden Sensorineural Hearing loss:	Moderator Dr Darwin Kaushal AIIMS Jammu Panelist Dr S P Dubey, Bhopal Dr Pawan Singhal, SMS Jaipur Dr Kapil Sikka, AIIMS Delhi Dr Madhuri Mehta, Hisar Dr Neizekhotuo Brian	
5:15			
5:30	Day 1 Closes		
8 PM	Welcome Reception & Dinner An evening of fellowship, networking and camaraderie Hotel Radisson Individual (Hotel Regency)		

Day 1 — Friday, 23 October 2026 – Hall B

Themes: Core Concepts • Vestibular Migraine • Investigations • Pharmacotherapy

Time	
9:00 – 11:00	Live Surgery – Dr Satish Jain

Time			
11:00 – 11:25	Presidential Oration – Dr Ramesh Rohiwal (Dr S R Agrawal Memorial Hall only)		
	THEME: CORE CONCEPTS		
11:25	Functional anatomy of the labyrinth & central vestibular pathways	Dr Sugirtha Anand	Dr Shaila Siddam Dr Utkal Mishra Dr Sunil Somani
11:35	VEMP in BPPV and Menniers	Dr Hanifa Akhtar	
11:45	A practical taxonomy of dizziness: episodic, acute, chronic	Dr Sona Mohandas	
11:55	Revolution in diagnostic and therapeutic Maneuvers for BPPV –Automisation Vs Manual	Dr Vinod Khandhar	
12:05	Solving the great puzzle “Variants of PC BPPV”	Dr Sameer Sethi, Delhi	
	VESTIBULAR MIGRAINE		
12:15	Migraine associated Vertigo : The Great mimicker	Dr Abhik Sikdar	Dr Neetu Bajaj Dr Nidhisha Agrawal Dr Sajal Sahu
12:25	Evidence-based prophylaxis & acute treatment; CGRP antagonists in VM	Dr Akash Juneja	
12:35	Differentiating VM from Ménière, PPPD and migraine with brainstem aura	Dr Avinash Bijlani	
12:45 – 1:30	Flexi Lunch & Industry Exhibits		
	INVESTIGATIONS		
1:30	vHIT vs caloric: when to trust which	Dr Surajit Barman	Dr Sameer Sethi Dr Charuhas Jagtap
1:40	VEMPs in 2026: utricular and saccular function in disease	Dr Nilotpal Dutta	

Time			
			Dr Naveen Shukla
1:50	Following the VNG: From Oculomotor Signs to Central Vestibular Pathways	Dr Anita Bhandari	
2:00	Vertigo Assessment – Role of VNG	Dr Yamini Gupta	
2:10	Obstructive Sleep Apnea and Dizziness: Exploring the Vestibular Connection	Dr Anurag Srivastav	
2:20	Decoding the Dizzy Patient: A History-Driven Diagnostic Approach	Dr Ritu Gupta, Agra	
2:30	Pediatric Vertigo Evaluation	Dr Richa Agrawal	
2:40	Panel: Vertigo- Beyond the clinical diagnosis, what does instrumental evaluation add?	Moderator: Dr Vijayalakshmi Subramaniam Panelist Dr Anjana Sarmah Dr Sona Mohandas Dr Sonali Pandit Dr Sugirtha Anand Dr Hanifa Akhtar Dr Aparna Chavan	Dr Pratishtha Sachan Dr Hariom Sharma Dr Chanchal Agrawal
3:10	Meniere's Migraine complex	Dr Snehasish Barman	
3:20	Identifying Nystagmus Signatures in BPPV and Migrainous positional vertigo :A VNG-Based Cross-Sectional Analysis	Dr Pratishtha Sachan	
	Key Note Topics		
3:30	From Fall Risk to Tailored Rehab: Rethinking the Balance Examination in the Dizzy Elderly	Dr Anita Bhandari	
3:50 – 4:15	Dr P P Karnik Oration – Dr Vijayalakshmi Subramaniam - No longer alone. The story of how a strong vestibular community was built (Dr S R Agrawal Memorial Hall only)		
	PHARMACOTHERAPY		
4:20	Betahistine, diuretics & steroids — evidence revisited	Dr Mukundan S	Dr Sanjeev Gupta

Time			
4:30	Polypharmacy and the dizzy older adult: de-prescribing strategies	Dr Charuhas Jagtap	Dr Sudhanshu Gupta Dr Parthiben (Tamilnadu)
4:40	Biomechanics of Balance: Translating Physiology into Computerized Dynamic Posturography	Dr Shashank Nema	
4:50	Vestibular suppressants: when to start, when to stop	Dr Ravindra Bansal	
5:00	Bárány / IHS criteria, probable VM and the overlap problem	Dr Kshitij Charaya	
5:10	Day 1 Closes		
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9:00 – 11:00	Live Surgery – Dr Satish Jain	
11:00 – 11:20	Presidential Oration – Dr Ramesh Rohiwal (Dr S R Agrawal Memorial Hall only)	
11:20 – 12:30	Resident Award Papers	Dr Ritu Nigam
12:30 – 1:30	Flexi Lunch & Industry Exhibits	
1:30 – 3:50	Consultant Award Papers	
3:50 – 4:10	Dr P P Karnik Oration – Dr Vijayalaxmi Subramaniam -No longer alone. The story of how a strong vestibular community was built (Dr S R Agrawal Memorial Hall only)	
4:10 – 5:00	Poster Exhibition	
5:00	Day 1 Closes	

Day 2 — Saturday, 24 October 2026**Themes:**

Time	Day 2 — Saturday, 24 October 2026 - (Dr S R Agrawal Memorial Hall)		
9:00 – 10:05	Live Surgery – Dr H Vijeyndra Chairperson Dr Amol Patil Dr Pradeep V Dr NVK Mohan		
10:05 – 10:30	Dr. Joe V Desa Oration Dr Pawan Singhal – Paradigm shift in the management of deafness: Research, innovations and augmented reality (Dr S R Agrawal Memorial Hall only) Chairperson Dr A S Bhalla Dr Pushkar Kasat Dr Darwin Kaushal		
	Symposium on Facial Nerve		
10:30	Radiology of Temporal Bone	Dr Mohnish Grover, SMS Jaipur	Dr Smita Soni Dr ML Agrawal Dr Sunil Somani Dr Anil Gupta
10:45	Management of Long standing Facial Nerve Palsy	Dr K P Morwani	
11:00	Management of Extra temporal facial nerve	Dr Madhuri Mehta, Hisar	
11:15	Facial nerve in Mastoid Sugery	Dr Sonal Modi	
11:30	Traumatic facial palsy	Dr Himanshu, Agra	
11:45	Sural Nerve Interposition Graft	Dr Jaskaran Singh	
12:00 – 12:25	NES ORATION - Advances in Otoneurology Surgery: Dr K P Morwani (Dr S R Agrawal Memorial Hall only) Chairperson Dr AS Bhalla Dr Kshiji Malik Dr Sona Mohandas		

Time	Day 2 — Saturday, 24 October 2026 - (Dr S R Agrawal Memorial Hall)		
	Symposium on Ossiculoplasty & Middle Ear Implants		
12:25	How to avoid problem cavity in Choleteatoma	Dr Deepak Dalmia	Dr Sonal Modi Dr Prashant Nayak Dr Sunil Sharma
12:35	Two-Handed Endoscopic Cartilage Ossiculoplasty: Technique and Philosophy	Dr Mubarak Khan	
12:45	Middle ear Implants	Dr Madhuri Mehta	
12:55	Cavity problems: how to avoid	Dr Mohnish Grover, SMS Jaipur	
1:10	Panel – decision making in otology	Moderator Dr Amit Keshri Expert: Dr K P Morwani Panelist Dr Madhuri Mehta Dr Mubarak Khan Dr Yashveer Dr Deepak Dalmia	
1:40 – 2:30	Lunch & Industry Exhibits		
2:30	Endoscopic Neomastoid Creation in Extensive and Revision Cholesteatoma	Dr Mubarak Khan	Dr Anurag Shrisvastav Dr Shubham Ojha Dr Manoj (Mumbai)
2:45	Modified Hybrid Mastoidectomy	Dr Rahul Agrawal	
3:00	Two-Handed Endoscopic Soft-Wall Reconstruction in Cholesteatoma	Dr Mubarak Khan	
3:15	Molecular Biology in Cholesteatoma - A new chapter downloading!	Dr Amit Goyal	
3:30	Role of PORP versus TORP in Austin type A	Dr Jaskaran Singh	
	Symposium on Skull Base Surgeries		
3:40	Skull Base Osteomyelitis: Principles of Medical Management and Evidence-Based Practice	Dr Darwin Kaushal AIIMS Jammu	Dr Darwin Kaushal Dr Nitin Mittal
3:50	Skull Base Osteomyelitis	Dr Amol Patil, Mumbai	

Time	Day 2 — Saturday, 24 October 2026 - (Dr S R Agrawal Memorial Hall)		
4:00	Skull Base Osteomyelitis: Navigating the Diagnostic and Therapeutic Challenge.	Dr Yashveer J K, Bhopal	Dr Rachna
4:10	Management for temporal bone malignancy	Dr Rajeev Kumar, AIIMS Delhi	
4:20	Trans labyrinthine approach of vestibular schwannoma	Dr Neizekhotuo brian shunyu, AIIMS Guwahati	
	Symposium on Otosclerosis / Stapedotomy		
4:30	Obliterative Otosclerosis	Dr Deepak Dalmia	Dr. Rajeev Pachauri Dr Hanifa Dr Mohini
4:40	Deciding the type of piston in Stapedotomy	Dr V Anand	
4:50	Two-Handed Endoscopic Stapedotomy: Technique and Surgical Precision	Dr Mubarak Khan	
5:00	Stapedotomy Enigma decided	Dr Madhuri Mehta	
5:10			
6:00	GBM		
	Day 2 Closes		
8PM	NESCON 2026 - Inauguration Ceremony The Equilibrium Banquet - NESCON 2026 Gala Night Imperial Golf Resort Amaltaas D Lawn		

Day 2 — Saturday, 24 October 2026

Themes: BPPV • Ménière's Disease • Rehabilitation • Vestibulocerebellar Conditions

Time	Day 2 — Saturday, 24 October 2026 - (Dr A K Jain Memorial Hall)		
8:30 – 10:00	Masterclass Dr Anita Bhandari Hands-on Vestibular Test Interpretation Workshop: Read, Reason, Diagnose (First 30 Delegates only)		
10:00 – 10:25	Dr. Joe V Desa Oration Dr Pawan Singhal – Paradigm shift in the management of deafness: Research, innovations and augmented reality (Dr S R Agrawal Memorial Hall only)		
10:25	Apogeoteopic posterior canal BPPV: our experience	Dr Oj Kumar Giri	Dr V P Narvey Dr Aparna Chauhan Dr Parthiben
10:35	Video Head Impulse Test and Caloric Responses Discordance in Peripheral Vestibular Disorders: A Comparative Study of Vestibular Migraine, Meniere's Disease, and BPPV	Dr Ruchika Agrawal	
10:45	BPPV in 2026: a clinician's update	Dr Sriram	
10:55	Choosing the right repositioning maneuver: an algorithmic approach	Dr Ajay Vats	
11:05	Atypical and persistent BPPV: short-arm cupulolithiasis, light cupula, multi-canal disease	Dr Prateek Porwal	
11:15	Why does my BPPV patient not get better? Failure analysis & re-treatment	Dr Srinivas Dorasala	
11:25	Refractory BPPV: When the Vertigo Persists	Dr Aparna Chavan	
11:35	Panel – Pharmacotherapy	Moderator Dr Srinivas Dorasala Panelist Dr Prateek Porwal Dr Amit Keshri Dr Darwin Kaushal Dr Anita Bhandari	

Time	Day 2 — Saturday, 24 October 2026 - (Dr A K Jain Memorial Hall)		
		Dr Ajay Vats Dr Venus Patel	
12:00 – 12:25	NES ORATION - Advances in Otoneurology Surgery: Dr K P Morwani (Dr S R Agrawal Memorial Hall only)		
	MÉNIÈRE'S DISEASE		
12:25	Pathophysiology: endolymphatic hydrops, immune mechanisms and genetic susceptibility	Dr Dushyant Khedekar	Dr Shaila Siddam Dr Anupam Mishra Dr Shubham Ojha
12:40	Stepwise medical management: lifestyle, diuretics, intratympanic steroids, intratympanic gentamicin	Dr Anirban Ghosh	
12:50	Surgical options: endolymphatic sac, labyrinthectomy, vestibular nerve section — who benefits?	Dr Pradeep Vundavalli	
1:00	Debate: 'Intratympanic gentamicin should be first-line for refractory Ménière's'	Dr Nilotpal Dutta	
1:15	Mennier’s Disease – Individualized treatment	Dr Amit Keshri	
1:30 – 2:30	Lunch & Industry Exhibits		
	THEME: VESTIBULOCEREBELLAR CONDITIONS		
2:30	Cerebellar contributions to balance: a clinical primer	Dr Anjana Sharma	Dr. Oj Kumar Gjiri Dr Ritu Gupta Dr Bheeshm Jeswani Dr K C Ahuja
2:45	Episodic ataxias and channelopathies: when to suspect, how to test	Dr Shrey Dodeja	
3:00	Cerebellar ocular motor signs: a bedside masterclass with video	Dr Prateek Porwal	
3:15	Beyond Vestibular Symptoms: Exploring Central Auditory Processing in Vestibular Migraine	Mr Nityansh Saluja	
3:30	The Dizzy patient: Stroke or Inner ear?	Dr Gaurav Ahluwalia	
	THEME: REHABILITATION		
3:45	Principles of vestibular rehabilitation: adaptation, substitution, habituation	Dr Kshitij Mallik	

Time	Day 2 — Saturday, 24 October 2026 - (Dr A K Jain Memorial Hall)		
4:00	Outcomes so far: gaze stability, posture and quality of life	Dr Pushkar Kasat	Dr Ritu Nigam Dr Anil Gupta Dr Anjana Sharma
4:15	Rehabilitation in PPPD and chronic dizziness: bridging vestibular and cognitive-behavioural therapy	Dr Sonali Pandit	
4:30	Technology in rehab: virtual reality, gaming platforms and telerehabilitation	Dr Himanshu Kala	
4:45	Falls clinics and the dizzy older adult: a multidisciplinary model	Dr Supriya Chingtam	
6:00	GBM		
	Day 2 Closes		
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Day 3 — Sunday, 25 October 2026

Time	Day 3 — Sunday, 25 October 2026 - (Dr S R Agrawal Memorial Hall)		
9:00 – 10:00			
	Symposium on Tinnitus		
10:00	Management Algorithm for Pulsatile Tinnitus	Dr Rajeev Kumar, AIIMS New Delhi	Dr Megha Prabhakar Dr Swati (Mumbai)
10:15	Neuromodulation in Tinnitus: Current Evidence and Clinical Insights	Dr Garima Upreti, AIIMS Rajkot	
10:30	Pulsatile Tinnitus - A ticking menace!	Dr Amit Goyal	
	Symposium on Concepts		
10:45	Future through the ear!	Dr Amit Goyal	Dr Neetu Bajaj Dr Somya Singh Dr Parul Mathur
11:00	Chorda tympani – advantage of preserving it	Dr Rajeev Pachouri, Agra	
11:15	AI in Otology	Dr Pawan Singhal	
11:30	Predicting Outcome in Mastoid Surgery	Dr Rajeev Pachouri, Agra	
11:45	Sighting the unsighted- The Retrotympanum	Dr Shenal Kothari	
12:00	Cochlear Implantation in Ossified Cochlea	Dr Jatin Verma	
12:15	Microscopic Anatomy of middle ear Folds	Dr Ravindra Bansal, Gwalior	
12:30	TBD	Dr Bhanu	
12:45	Round window anatomy that shapes your surgery	Dr Jaskaran Singh	
1:30 – 2:00	Valedictory Function Best paper & best poster awards • Closing remarks • Vote of thanks		
2:00	Conference Closes • Light Lunch to follow		

Day 3 — Sunday, 25 October 2026

Themes: Surgery for Vertigo • Vestibular Implants & Newer Advances

Time	Day 3 — Sunday, 25 October 2026 - (Dr A K Jain Memorial Hall)		
9:00 – 10:00	NES Quiz – Quiz Master - Dr Surajit Barman, Dr Avinash Bijlani		
10:00	Endolymphatic Sac Decompression Surgery	Dr Amol Patil	Dr Rajendra Teharia
10:15	Excess Micronutrients/Vitamins and Unsteadiness	Dr Pushkar Kasat	
10:30	Surgical anatomy of the labyrinth and posterior fossa for the vertigo surgeon	Dr Pradeep V	
10:45	Canal Occlusion Surgery	Dr Rahul Agrawal	
11:00	Vestibular Migraine	Dr Jijitha, AIIMS Guhati	
11:15	Cognitive Behavioral Therapy	Dr Surajit Barman	
11:30	Altered corticospinal threshold, response timing, and inhibitory regulation in vestibular migraine: A neurophysiological perspective from a single pulse TMS study	Dr Henry Benson Nongrum	
11:45	Recent Surgical Advances	Dr Pradeep V	
12:00	Dizzy Kids - New perspective in Paediatric Vestibular Disorders	Dr Nilotpal Dutta	
12:15	Bilateral Vestibulopathy	Dr Supriya Chingtam	
12:30	Sudden SNHL and Vertigo	Dr Shrey Dodeja	
12:45	Dancing Eyes: Decoding Congenital Nystagmus — A Unique Case and Its Diagnostic Clues	Dr Pratishtha Sachan	
1:00			
1:15	Head Impulse Test	Dr Rajendra Teharia	
1:30 – 2:00	Valedictory Function		
2:00	Conference Closes • Light Lunch to follow		