











INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF  
GASTROINTESTINAL ENDOSURGEONS

# SOUTH ASIA CONFERENCE

*In Association with  
Society of Surgeons of Nepal*

 *Theme : Fundamentals,  
Frontiers, Future*

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

-  International Conference
-  Orations, Invited Lectures
-  FALS Hernia Fellowship
-  FIAGES Fellowship
-  EFIAGES Fellowship
-  Free Papers
-  Convocation



HYATT REGENCY  
KATHMANDU,  
NEPAL

**31st Jan '25**  
**1st Feb '25**  
**2nd Feb '25**

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# TIMELINE



**26th  
Jan'25**

Online  
Lecture Modules  
for Fellowship  
Courses.

FIAGES,  
EFIAGES,  
FALS Hernia

**31st  
Jan'25**

Onsite Lectures  
for Fellowship,  
MCQs, Viva &  
Endotrainer,  
Executive  
Committee  
Meeting

**1st  
Feb'25**

Innauguration,  
Conference,  
Orations, Invited  
lectures, Expert  
Panel Discus-  
sions, Faculty  
Papers,  
Free Papers,  
Cultural Evening  
Gala Dinner

**2nd  
Feb'25**

Convocation,  
Conference,  
Invited Lectures,  
Faculty Papers,  
Free Papers,  
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Registration



Abstract  
Submission



Conference  
Program



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**Early Bird Registration till  
20th Jan'25**

**Regular Registration from  
21st Jan'25**

**Last Date for Fellowship Registration  
25th Jan'25**



# FOUNDER PRESIDENT



**Prof. Tehemton Erach Udwardia**  
[15 July 1934 – 7 January 2023]

**Founder President, IAGES**

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**MAN, MYTH & LEGEND**





# ORGANISING TEAM MESSAGE

Welcome to the Indian Association of **Gastrointestinal Endo Surgeons (IAGES) South Asian Conference 2025** in collaboration with **Society of Surgeons of Nepal (SSN)** in Kathmandu set in the serene ambience of the mighty Himalayas!

We take immense pleasure in welcoming you to this international event will take place from **January 30th to February 2nd, 2025**, at the **Hyatt Regency, Kathmandu, Nepal**.

Our conference theme, "**Fundamentals, Frontiers and Future**", aims to create an immersive platform for global exchange on the latest trends, advancements, and challenges in the world of Minimal Invasive Surgery (MIS), robotic surgery and flexible endoscopy. With the participation of leading experts, innovators, and surgeons from around the world, we hope to foster a dynamic environment for knowledge-sharing, collaboration, and growth.

We will revisit the core principles that underpin the success of minimal invasive surgery — precision, safety, and patient care. Through various simulator assisted fellowship programs, invited orations, expert talks, and interactive discussions, we aim to reinforce the foundational knowledge necessary for mastering MIS.

With insights into **robotics, augmented reality, AI in surgery, and advanced laparoscopic techniques**, we look forward to showcasing the transformative innovations shaping the future of surgical practice. We will explore what lies ahead in **surgical education, patient outcomes, and the evolving role of minimal invasive techniques** in global healthcare. The convergence of surgical excellence, technological advancement, and patient-centered care will be at the heart of discussions, ensuring that we are prepared for the challenges and opportunities that the future of surgery holds.

This conference is not only a gathering of experts but also an opportunity to forge meaningful connections, exchange experiences, and learn from each other. We are excited to host this global community in Kathmandu, a city that beautifully blends its ancient heritage with modern progress, much like the field of surgery itself.

We look forward to welcoming you to Nepal in January 2025 for what promises to be an inspiring, informative, and transformative conference!

Warm regards,  
**The Organizing Team**  
**IAGES & SSN South Asian Conference 2025, Kathmandu**

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**Congress President | Dr. Subhash Aggarwal**  
**Organising Chairman | Dr. Satish Midha**  
**Organising Secretary | Dr. T.Sivakumar**  
**Organising Treasurer | Dr. Meenakshi Sharma**





# CHIEF ADVISOR MESSAGE

Welcome to the IAGES South Asian Conference 2025!

Join us for the IAGES South Asian Conference 2025 organised in collaboration with the Society of Surgeons of Nepal (SSN), set against the breathtaking backdrop of the Himalayas in Kathmandu, Nepal.

Dates: January 30th - February 2nd, 2025  
Venue: Hyatt Regency, Kathmandu, Nepal  
Theme: "Fundamentals, Frontiers and Future"



This international conference will explore the latest advancements in Minimal Invasive Surgery (MIS), robotic surgery, and flexible endoscopy.

## Key Highlights:

- Reinforcing Fundamentals:** We will revisit the core principles of MIS – precision, safety, and patient care – through simulator-assisted fellowships, expert talks, and interactive discussions.
- Embracing Frontiers:** Explore cutting-edge innovations such as robotics, augmented reality, AI in surgery, and advanced laparoscopic techniques.
- Shaping the Future:** Discuss the future of surgical education, patient outcomes, and the evolving role of MIS in global healthcare.

## Experience Kathmandu:

Connect with leading surgeons from around the world, exchange experiences, and learn from each other in this vibrant city that seamlessly blends ancient heritage with modern progress. Mark your calendars and join us in Kathmandu!  
Wish you all a happy new year 2025.

Warm Regards,

Dr Zameer Pasha  
Chief Advisor IAGES



# CHIEF TRUSTEE MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

A very Happy New Year 2025 and warm greetings from the Office of the Chief Trustee, IAGES! It is with immense pleasure and warmth that we announce the collaboration between the Indian Association of Gastrointestinal Endosurgeons (IAGES) and the Society of Surgeons of Nepal (SSN) to conceptualize a fellowship program for Nepalese surgeons. This initiative marks a significant milestone in fostering cross-border cooperation and knowledge sharing.

Beyond technical training, it aims to cultivate enduring partnerships and mutual respect among surgeons from the two nations. By addressing regional healthcare challenges and promoting innovative surgical solutions, this fellowship program is poised to leave a lasting impact on the quality of healthcare delivery in Nepal. As we embark on this journey, we reaffirm our commitment to building bridges through education, professional collaboration, and a shared dedication to improving patient outcomes.

The upcoming event in Kathmandu promises to be an exceptional occasion, featuring the prestigious Fellowship in Hernia Surgery and the FIAGES Course, conducted under the joint aegis of IAGES and the Society of Surgeons of Nepal (SSN). This endeavor celebrates the enduring and cordial relationship shared by the President, Secretary, and Office Bearers and members of both countries, aiming to create an enriching platform for surgical excellence.

I extend a heartfelt invitation to all members of the IAGES family, surgeon members of the Society of Surgeons of Nepal (SSN), and members of other surgical associations to join us for this landmark event. We also welcome young aspirants from India seeking fellowship opportunities to participate and benefit from this collaborative venture.

Let us come together to share knowledge, build connections, and advance the field of gastrointestinal endosurgery.

I eagerly look forward to meeting you in Kathmandu for this historic event.

**Warm regards,**  
**Prof. Subhash Khanna**  
**Chief Trustee, IAGES**  
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# PRESIDENT MESSAGE

Dear IAGESians, Colleagues, Delegates, and Friends,  
It is with immense pleasure and honor that I welcome you all to the South Asian Conference of the Indian Association of Gastrointestinal Endo Surgeons (IAGES), being held in collaboration with the Society of Surgeons of Nepal (SSN), here in the vibrant city of Kathmandu, Nepal. This is a momentous occasion, and we are excited to host so many esteemed professionals from across South Asia and beyond, united by our shared commitment to advancing the field of endoscopic, laparoscopic and robotic surgery. As we gather to exchange knowledge, expertise, and experiences, the conference promises to be an enriching platform for learning and collaboration. The theme of this year's conference is Fundamentals, Frontiers and Future. This revolves around innovations and cutting-edge surgical practices that continue to reshape the landscape of surgical care.



The conference will feature a comprehensive range of activities:

**FIAGES and EFIAGES Fellowships, FALSHernia courses, offering practical insights into advanced hernia repair techniques. Orations and lectures from internationally renowned experts, bringing forth the latest research, clinical practices, and innovations. Convocation ceremony, celebrating the achievement of those completing their fellowship programs and acknowledging their commitment to excellence.**

A platform for the presentation of free papers, where new ideas and research will be shared. We do have a wonderful cultural evening planned, giving us a chance to appreciate the rich heritage and traditions of Nepal.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Society of Surgeons of Nepal for their partnership in making this event possible, and to all our faculty, speakers, and delegates for their participation and invaluable contributions. This conference is not just a gathering of minds but also an opportunity to foster lasting friendships and collaborations.

As we continue to move forward in our collective journey toward improving patient outcomes, let this conference be a reminder of the power of community, knowledge-sharing, and dedication. I am confident that each one of us will leave Kathmandu with fresh insights, renewed energy, and new partnerships that will drive us toward even greater achievements in the field of gastrointestinal surgery.

On behalf of the Indian Association of Gastrointestinal Endo Surgeons, I warmly welcome you all to this exciting event. Let us make this conference a memorable and fruitful experience!

Warm regards,

**Dr Subhash Aggarwal**  
**President**  
**Indian Association of Gastrointestinal Endo Surgeons (IAGES)**





# PRESIDENT ELECT MESSAGE

On behalf of the entire organizing committee of IAGES (Indian Association of Gastrointestinal Endosurgeons) and SSN (Society of Surgeons of Nepal) I extend a most sincere and enthusiastic welcome to all esteemed colleagues, delegates, and guests to beautiful city Kathmandu.

We are deeply honored to have the privilege of hosting this esteemed **IAGES SOUTH ASIAN CONFERENCE** and are committed to providing a platform for insightful discourse, fruitful collaborations, and a truly enriching experience for all participants.



We are for the first time organising meeting in Katmandu with Fellowship courses. Besides we will have two prestigious orations in name of two legends who have contributed in growth of IAGES since formative years - **Dr HG Doctor and Dr Pradeep Chowbey**. Kathmandu, nestled amidst the majestic Himalayas, offers a unique blend of ancient spirituality, vibrant culture, and breathtaking natural beauty. We invite you to explore our city's rich heritage, immerse yourselves in the warmth of Nepali hospitality, and experience the serenity of our surroundings.

This conference promises a dynamic program featuring a distinguished faculty of renowned international and national experts in the field of laparoscopic surgery and Endoscopy. Through a series of engaging lectures, insightful discussions, and selected videos, we aim to foster a deeper understanding of the latest advancements in minimally invasive surgical techniques.

Personally It will be a memorable event for me as I would take over as President of IAGES which is a vibrant academic association of Minimal Invasive Surgeons working for last three decades. PASHUPATINATH will give me strength to carry out activities in coming year with support and guidance of Executive Committee members, Advisors and Trustees. Collectively we will try to take IAGES to newer heights.

We believe that this platform will not only enhance our professional knowledge but also strengthen the bonds of camaraderie within the global surgical community especially among South Asian countries and open new vistas of exchange of knowledge for ultimate benefits of humanity.

We also look forward for participation of delegates from other countries like Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Pakistan, Maldives, Malaysia etc.

We eagerly anticipate your participation and look forward to welcoming you all to Kathmandu.

Warm Regards,

**DR SATISH MIDHA**  
**ORGANISING CHAIRMAN IAGES SSN SOUTH ASIAN CONFERENCE 2025**  
**PRESIDENT ELECT IAGES**



# SSN PRESIDENT MESSAGE

## *Greetings from the Society of Surgeons of Nepal (SSN)!*

It is with great pleasure that I extend a warm welcome to the Indian Association of Gastrointestinal Endosurgeons (IAGES) for the upcoming South Asian Conference of IAGES & courses in Basic Laparoscopy, Advanced Hernia, and Endoscopy to be held in Kathmandu, Nepal, in Jan-Feb 2025.



We are honored to host such a prestigious event and are excited about the opportunities it brings for mutual learning and growth.

Your dedication to advancing laparoscopic surgery is truly commendable, and we are grateful for your efforts in organizing this event. It is our firm belief that this conference will not only enhance the skills and knowledge of our surgeons but also pave the way for a robust collaboration between our organizations.

We look forward to working together to advance laparoscopic surgery across South Asia, leveraging our combined expertise to improve surgical outcomes and patient care in the region.

Once again, welcome to Kathmandu and wish for the success of this conference. We are excited about the meaningful exchanges and lasting connections that will emerge from this conference.

**Warm regards,**

**Dr Romeo Kansakar**  
**President,**  
**Society of Surgeons of Nepal (SSN)**



# SSN LEADERS

Welcome to the Indian Association of Gastrointestinal Endo Surgeons (IAGES) SSN South Asian Conference 2025! We are delighted to invite you to join us in collaboration with the Society of Surgeons of Nepal (SSN) for this international event, taking place from January 30th to February 2nd, 2025, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, in the captivating city of Kathmandu, Nepal. The meeting venue is a fine location and will provide you state of art conferencing facilities with the best of Nepali hospitality.

Nestled amidst the serene ambience of the mighty Himalayas, this conference will provide a unique platform for global exchange on the latest trends, advancements, and challenges in the world of Minimal Invasive Surgery (MIS), robotic surgery, and flexible endoscopy.

For the first time this meeting gives all of you an opportunity to obtain fellowships in the basic laparoscopy, endoscopy and advanced hernia surgeries.

The theme chosen is Fundamentals, Frontiers and Future, and am sure this will be a unique learning experience for the delegates. This IAGES SSN South Asian Conference 2025 will provide you a global platform to learn from the master minimal access surgeons, present your original work, share your experiences and network with greatest minds of the world of laparoscopy.

The Simulator-Assisted Fellowship Programs, orations, invited lectures, expert panel discussions, faculty presentations and scientific abstracts will bring in fresh understanding of the existing knowledge.

I am sure this will bring in new relationships to cherish, renew existing ones and forge fresh collaboration of learning and sharing.

We warmly welcome you to enjoy Kathmandu's unique mix of ancient heritage and modern surgical advancements.

**Warm Regards,**

**Dr V Nataraj Prasad  
Bharat Mahayogaratna  
MD, College of Medical Sciences - Nepal**







# SECRETARY MESSAGE

My Dear IAGESians, Colleagues and Friends,

It gives me great pleasure and pride to welcome you all to the South Asian Conference of the Indian Association of Gastrointestinal Endo Surgeons (IAGES), in collaboration with the Society of Surgeons of Nepal (SSN), here in the beautiful and historic city of Kathmandu, Nepal.



As we come together for this prestigious conference, it is an exciting opportunity to unite our collective expertise and passion for the field of gastrointestinal and laparoscopic surgery. This event is designed not only to provide a platform for scientific exchange and professional development but also to build lasting relationships and foster collaboration among surgeons and medical professionals from across South Asia.

Over the next few days, we will witness a comprehensive program that includes fellowships, orations, invited talks, expert panel discussions, convocation and cultural evening.

This conference promises to be a truly enriching experience, and I am confident that all of you will leave Kathmandu with new knowledge, new skills, and new connections that will continue to benefit you in your professional journey.

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the Society of Surgeons of Nepal for their unwavering support and collaboration in organizing this event. I also extend my thanks to all the speakers, faculty, delegates, and volunteers for your participation and dedication in making this conference a success.

As we come together to learn, grow, and inspire one another, I encourage each of you to take full advantage of the sessions, discussions, and networking opportunities available. Let us continue to push the boundaries of our profession and contribute to shaping the future of gastrointestinal endoscopic surgery.

Thank you for being a part of this momentous event. I look forward to seeing you all engage, share, and innovate in the days ahead.

Warm regards,

**Dr T Sivakumar**  
**Secretary**  
**Indian Association of Gastrointestinal Endo Surgeons (IAGES)**



# TREASURER MESSAGE

It gives me immense pleasure to invite you all to the IAGES South Asian Conference at Kathmandu, Nepal from 31st January to 2nd February 2025, on behalf of IAGES-Indian Association of Gastrointestinal Endo surgeons.

This conference will bring together all the surgical fraternity from South Asia and promises to deliver wisdom, knowledge and camaraderie for all of us, making way for lasting friendships based on common interests.

The field of Minimal Access Surgery continues to evolve and IAGES has always been in the forefront of academics, always aiming to bring the best of the advances to all surgeons.

I am sure this conference will advance your knowledge and skills to a new high. I wish you all a great time at the conference.

**With warmest wishes,  
Dr Meenakshi Sharma  
Hon Treasurer, IAGES**





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# SSN LEADERS



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# REGISTRATION



## TO REGISTER

	Early till 20th Jan'25	Late 21st Jan'25 Onwards
PG Registration	7000	9000
Delegate	9000	12000
FIAGES Fellowship, Conference, Convocation Combo	15000	17000
EFIAGES Fellowship, Conference, Convocation Combo	15000	17000
FALS Hernia Fellowship, Conference, Convocation Combo	20000	22000
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All the above rates are in INR.</li> <li>• Nepali Delegates need to pay the same amount in Nepali Rupees.</li> <li>• Other International Delegates will pay INR equivalent.</li> </ul>	

### RESIDENTIAL REGISTRATION PACKAGE

FIAGES/EFIAGES	2nights [31st Jan'25 & 1st Feb'25]	3nights [30th, 31st Jan'25 & 1st Feb'25]
Single	35000	47000
Shared Room	26000	34000
FALS Hernia	2nights [31st Jan'25 & 1st Feb'25]	3nights [30th, 31st Jan'25 & 1st Feb'25]
Single	40000	52000
Shared Room	31000	39000

### RESIDENTIAL REGISTRATION PACKAGE

	2nights [31st Jan'25 & 1st Feb'25]	3nights [30th, 31st Jan'25 & 1st Feb'25]
Single	24000	36000
Double (Only for Spouse)	30000	42000
Shared Room	15000	23000

- Kindly indicate your preferred partner for sharing the room
- Check-in time is 2:00pm
- Check-out time is 11:00am
- Those who would like to stay for a longer time please contact the Indian event manager for special tariff



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# SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM





# SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM OUTLINE



Hernia	
	AWR hype or must to know?
	Complications of AWR.
	Choice of different mesh & their advantages.
	How to choose the right procedure for different ventral hernias ?
	Small bowel breach-can i put mesh, what is the evidence?
	Role of CT scan in complex hernias?
	AWR-introduction to different procedures?
	Management of abdominal wall hernia with loss of domain.
Hepatobiliary	
	Pseudocyst/WON-Different options-How to hit the bulls eye?
	Tips & Tricks of Distal Pancreatectomy.
	Hydatid cyst - Deroofing v/s Pericystectomy
	Tips & Tricks of radical cholecystectomy.
	Challenges of minimal invasive PD
	Bile duct injury-What a General surgeon must know?
UGI & Bariatric	
	How to choose the right patient for right ARS
	Achalasia cardia- tips & tricks for effective procedure.
	Achalasia cardia - surgery v/s POEMS. What does literature say?
	Giant hiatus hernia - is it a different entity?
	How to minimize leak rates in sleeve gastrectomy?
	How to manage sleeve leaks?
	Tips & tricks of D2 gastrectomy.
	Types of functional gastric resections?
	OAGB/MGB--Has it stabilized itself ?
Colorectal	
	Tips & tricks of LAR.
	Tips & tricks of CME D3.
	Different approaches to right hemicolectomy.
	Rectal prolapse - how to choose the right procedure?
	Minimal invasive approaches for haemorrhoidal disease?
	Video-Assisted Anal Fistula Treatment (VAFT).
	Squamous cell carcinoma anal canal.
Robotic	
	Introduction to newer robotic platforms?
	How to make economic sense of robotic surgery?
	Robotic surgery - is it really beneficial to patients or surgeons ?
	Role of ICG in abdominal surgery?



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# ABSTRACTS



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IAGES (Indian Association of Gastrointestinal Endo-Surgeons) and SSN (South Asian Society of Surgery) is happy to share the abstract submission information for the upcoming South Asian Conference to be held from 31st Jan to 2nd Feb 2025 at Kathmandu, Nepal. Below is a general guide to help you with the abstract submission process:

## 1. Abstract Categories

You can choose one of the various categories or tracks for abstract submissions, such as:

- Foregut Surgery (e.g., esophagus, stomach surgery, GERD).
- Bariatric Surgery (e.g., weight loss surgery, metabolic surgery).
- Robotic Surgery (including robotic-assisted procedures in various specialties).
- Hernia Surgery (including complex or minimally invasive hernia repairs).
- Endoscopy (e.g., advanced diagnostic or therapeutic endoscopic techniques).
- Colorectal Surgery (e.g., bowel cancer, inflammatory bowel diseases).
- Hepatobiliary Oncology (liver, pancreas, biliary system cancers).
- Simulation and Education (innovative approaches to teaching surgery and medical education).

## 2. Abstract Format

Abstracts are usually required to follow specific formatting rules.

Typically, these may include:

- Word limit: 250-400 words.
- Structured format: Background, Methods, Results, and Conclusion (with some conferences requiring additional sections like Aims or Objectives).
- Keywords: 3-5 keywords related to the topic.
- References: Some conferences require citations in the abstract, though this is not always mandatory.

## 3. Deadline for Submission

- Make sure to submit your abstracts well before the submission deadline 20th January 2025. Late submissions may not be considered.

## 4. Types of Abstract Submissions

Conferences may offer different categories for submitting abstracts, such as:

- Free Paper Presentations: These are typically oral presentations during the conference.
- Faculty Papers: Papers submitted by senior faculty or experienced surgeons.
- Postgraduate Resident Paper Presentations: Abstracts can be submitted by MS/DNB/M-Ch/FNB/FRCS/MRCS/Fellowship trainees under this category
- Please submit your abstracts online at [www.iagesinternational.com](http://www.iagesinternational.com)
- Follow the step-by-step instructions for uploading your abstract, selecting topics, and providing author details.





# ABSTRACTS

## 5. Peer Review and Acceptance

- Once submitted, abstracts usually go through a peer-review process, where they are evaluated based on their scientific quality, relevance, innovation, and clarity.
- If accepted, you may be asked to present your paper on various categories during the conference.

## 6. Abstract Presentation and Award Considerations

- IAGES SSN South Asian Conference offer awards for the best presentations or innovative work in specific categories, such as “Best Surgical Innovation” or “Best Educational Abstract.”
- If you are presenting your abstract, prepare for possible Q&A sessions following your presentation.

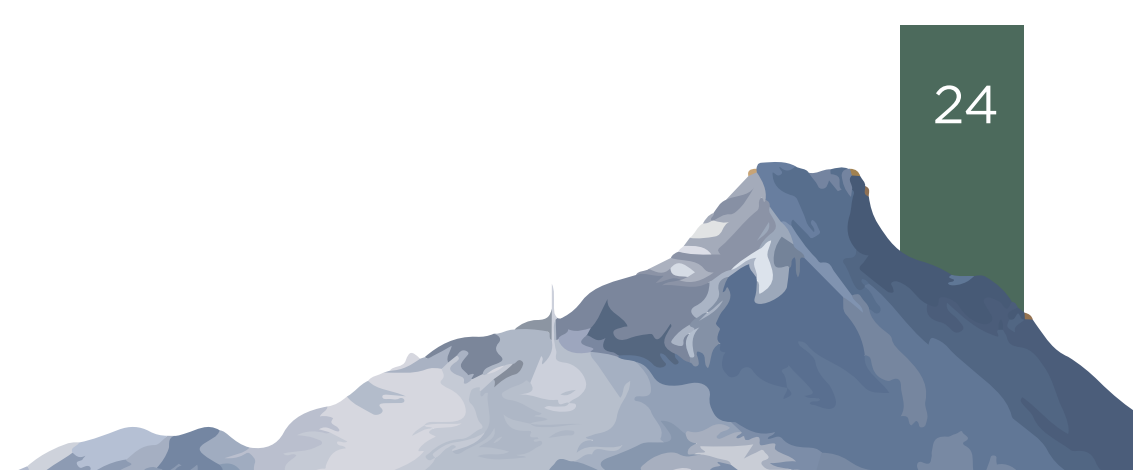
## 7. Important Tips for Abstract Writing

- **Clarity:** Be concise and clear about your research or clinical findings.
- **Relevance:** Ensure that your abstract is relevant to the conference themes.
- **Data:** Provide clear and precise data, especially if it supports the conclusions of your study or case.
- **Originality:** Highlight any novel techniques, approaches, or findings.
- **Ethics:** If applicable, include a statement about ethics approval for clinical studies or trials.
- **Videos:** Quality video is the cornerstone of a good presentation. Use appropriate editing tools to make it precise and with appropriate flow.



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# FIAGES





# HYBRID FIAGES COURSE, CONFERENCE & CONVOCATION COMBO

## Timeline | Eligibility

<b>Exam category</b>	Post MS/DNB and has become IAGES life member or member of Nepal Surgical society or other collaborating associations and assisted or done 25 laparoscopic surgeries
<b>Non-exam category</b>	10 years post-MS/DNB or similar curriculum and has done more than 100 laparoscopic procedures
<b>Last date for registration</b>	25.01.2025
<b>Day 1 /Online platform</b>	26.01.25 from 9 am to 5 pm with 16 lecture modules and panel discussion
<b>Day 2 to Day 4 of the fellowship course</b>	Along With IAGES South Asia Conference in Kathmandu, Nepal, MCQ paper, Endotrainer and Viva assessment
<b>Convocation for FIAGES</b>	2nd Feb 2025 9:00 am



TO REGISTER





# FELLOWSHIP DETAILS

## Six Steps to success in obtaining IAGES Fellowship Certification:

- 1 Become an IAGES Life member and apply or as Member of collaborating associations (NEPAL) [www.iages.in](http://www.iages.in)
- 2 Apply for the Course, conference, and convocation combo
- 3 Attend the full day Online session on Sunday, 26th Jan 2025 for day 1 lecture modules
- 4 Plan to reach before 2pm on 31st Jan 2025 to Conference Venue, Kathmandu, Nepal to attend rest of the academic sessions till 2nd FEB 2025. Participate in the MCQ written and Viva part of the assessment
- 5 Mandatory attendance of the academic sessions in the halls as indicated for the respective fellowship course
- 6 On satisfactory completion of all the modules and successful assessment marks, you will be invited to receive the fellowship certificate during the grand colourful convocation ceremony on 2nd Feb 2025 10am onwards

## Fellowship course combo fee includes

- **Registration** for the Online module and attendance to all 3 days of IAGES South Asia Summit in Nepal including live sessions and assessment sessions on 31st Jan 2025,
- **3 days** of academic sessions including mandatory sessions,
- **Lunches** and 1 Banquet Dinner, Conference kit and course materials,
- **Convocation** dress, and all fellowship certificates which are due to each fellowship candidate from current and previous fellowship courses



# ONE STOP FIAGES FELLOWSHIP COURSE, CONFERENCE & CONVOCATION COMBO

Course Directors Dr. Sanjay Sonar  
Dr. Madhuri Patnaik  
Dr. M.Kanagavel

## Day 1: Online Module: 26.01.25

9:00am to 1:00pm

20 min each

- Introduction to FIAGES
- Endovision & equipment for laparoscopic surgery
- Ergonomics for laparoscopic surgeon
- Energy Sources
- Knots & Sutures
- Sterile Surgery
- Principles of safe peritoneal access & related complications
- Standard Lap Cholecystectomy

Lunch Break

### POST TEST 1

- Lap CBD exploration for CBD stone
- Management of post-op lap chole bile duct injury
- Lap appendicectomy: Tips & Tricks
- Laparoscopy in the acute abdomen including gynecology
- Lap Fundoplication: When & How
  - TAPP - Step by Step
  - TEP - Step by Step
  - IPOM & IPOM plus

2:00pm

## DAY 2, Kathmandu, Nepal, 1st FEB 2025



9:00am to 5:00pm

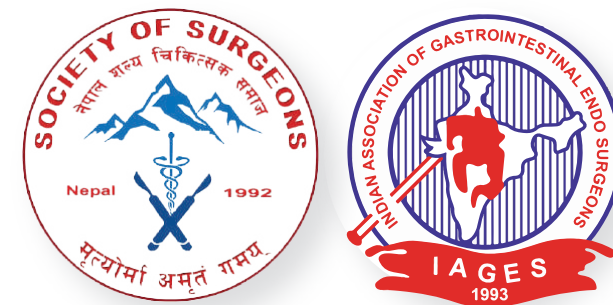
Onsite Lectures, Viva and practical in Hall 2  
Mandatory attendance of both academic sessions

## Day 3, Kathmandu, Nepal, 1st FEB 2025

Mandatory attendance of all academic sessions in Hall 1  
from 8 am to 6 pm/ MCQ exam

## Day 4: Convocation At Conference venue, Kathmandu, Nepal, 2nd FEB 2025

Mandatory attendance of all academic sessions in Hall 1  
from 9am and convocation 10am onwards



# ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

**IAGES MEMBERSHIP IS MUST.** ( or member of Nepal Surgical Society or any collaborating association of IAGES)

Those who are not members may apply for membership online. See the website [www.iages.in](http://www.iages.in) for more details. Post graduate degree in surgery is mandatory.

The number of years of experience in laparoscopic surgery should be a minimum of 2 years (including experience in laparoscopy as a postgraduate surgical resident). A resident or junior consultant should obtain a certificate of experience from the HOD of the hospital/Institution as a supportive document. Attach soft copies of the MBBS, MS, or DNB certificate and MCI registration certificate during membership registration.

Members of collaborating associations who have signed an MOU with IAGES are also eligible. **(Bangladesh, Malaysia, Nepal, Pakistan, Maldives and UK)** . They are expected to get their application endorsed by the respective collaborating association before joining the course. They need not become IAGES life member.

## **(A)FIAGES FELLOWSHIP, NON-EXAMINATION CATEGORY:**

- Suitable for only those candidates working as faculty in teaching institutions and all surgeons with more than 10-year experience in doing a laparoscopy.
- Already an IAGES member or should become an IAGES member
- Number of laparoscopies done in the last 10 years: >100
- would be eligible to receive the FIAGES fellowship upon completing the FIAGES course and the informal interview during IAGES South Asia Summit

## **(B) FIAGES FELLOWSHIP, EXAMINATION CATEGORY**

1. Suitable for those with a minimum of 2 years' experience in laparoscopic surgery (Includes experience in laparoscopy as a postgraduate surgical resident).
2. Fellow should have experience certificate from HOD, Employer or self if running own hospital.
3. Fellow should present a Log book either as soft or hardcopy mentioning MAS cases performed/assisted. Minimum 25 cases including all Assisted/ Operated laparoscopic surgeries is book as eligibility to appear as Examination category

### **Log book**

- Age/Sex/Surgery/Role/Post-op course/Complication/Remarks
- Role - Assisted/under supervision/Independent
- Post-op course - Uneventful / Eventful
- Complications - Infection, Bleeding, Leak, Stricture, Obstruction, Others (type if others)

### **Assessment of Fellowship Candidates**

#### **1. MCQ assessment (100 questions/100 marks/ one hour):**

- **For Exam category only.**
- Kindly ensure your participation in this MCQ test which will be held in digital format. The exact time and date will be notified later
- **2.The viva /Practical part of the assessment**

#### **For Non-Exam Category**

- Informal interview
- For surgeons with more than 10 years of experience and a logbook with 250 100 MAS cases

#### **For Exam Category**

- In 2 parts
- Lap suturing assessment
  - It will be held on 31st Jan at conference venue 2pm to 6pm. Candidates have to demonstrate the technical skill of laparoscopic suturing skills and hand and eye coordination in MAS
  - Maximum of 50 marks

#### **Viva**

- It will be held on 31.01.25 afternoon for 10 minutes per candidate on essential laparoscopic surgery topics to assess cognitive and technical skills.
- Maximum of 50 marks

All Successful candidates will be invited after completing all 3 days for the IAGES Convocation ceremony to be held on 2nd Feb 2025 provided she/he is already a life member of IAGES.





# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **What is unique about the Course, conference, and convocation combo?**

This would be a unique opportunity for the delegates. Unlike before, registered delegates have to travel to the fellowship course destination (Kathmandu) only once wherein they will be able to complete their course and return home with a convocation certificate in 3 days of the academic feast at the IAGES SOUTH ASIA CONFERENCE in NEPAL

## **Will this hybrid fellowship course model be the same as the conventional 3-day structured IAGES Fellowship courses?**

Essentially yes. The structure and intensity of the course would be as it used to be in the conventional onsite model. Here in a hybrid model, many lectures will be covered on the 26TH JAN 2025 as online webinars. Then, a hands-on simulation and live session will be held at the KATHMANDU Conference venue from 31st Jan. to 2nd Feb. 2025. Attendance to all 3 days of the Conference is mandatory. Finally, you will attend the convocation on 2nd FEB 2025 after the successful completion of the MCQ and Viva assessment

## **How much time and money could we save on this combo offer?**

One-Stop fellowship course will save you significant time and money. Moreover, you have the benefit of attending the IAGES SOUTH ASIA CONFERENCE in the same package!

## **When and how will I receive the fellowship certificates?**

IAGES fellowship convocation is planned for 2ND FEB 2025 and you could also receive all your fellowship certificates from previous courses in addition to the Current Combo course certificate.

## **Is it possible to attend with spot registration?**

No. you need to register early as we have limited the seats to 100 in FIAGES and 75 in FALS Hernia . The last date for registration is 25.01.26. Please hurry and book your spot!

## **Is it possible to simultaneously take FIAGES, EFIAGES and FALS HERNIA?**

No. It is not possible. You can select any one of the fellowship courses only as a One-stop Fellowship course



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# FALS HERNIA



# HYBRID FALS HERNIA COURSE, CONFERENCE & CONVOCAATION COMBO

## Timeline | Eligibility

<b>Exam category</b>	2 years Post MS/DNB and has become an IAGES life member or member of Nepal Surgical Society or other IAGES collaborating associations and assisted or performed about 25 LAP groin and or abdominal wall hernia
<b>Non-exam category</b>	10 years post-MS/DNB and has done more than 100 Lap hernia repairs
<b>Last date for registration</b>	25.01.2025
<b>Day 1 /Online platform</b>	26.01.25 from 9.00 am to 5 pm with 15 lecture modules and panel discussion
<b>Day 2 to Day 4 of the fellowship course</b>	Conference venue in Kathmandu, Nepal along with IAGES South Asia Conference along with MCQ paper and Viva assessment
<b>Convocation for FALS HERNIA</b>	2nd Feb 2025 9:00am



TO REGISTER





# FELLOWSHIP DETAILS

## Six Steps to success in obtaining IAGES Fellowship Certification:

- 1 Become an IAGES Life member and apply or as Member of collaborating associations (NEPAL) [www.iages.in](http://www.iages.in)
- 2 Apply for the Course, conference, and convocation combo
- 3 Attend the full day Online session on Sunday, 26th Jan 2025 for day 1 lecture modules
- 4 Plan to reach before 2pm on 31st Jan 2025 to Conference Venue, Kathmandu, Nepal to attend rest of the academic sessions till 2nd FEB 2025. Participate in the MCQ written and Viva part of the assessment
- 5 Mandatory attendance of the academic sessions in the halls as indicated for the respective fellowship course
- 6 On satisfactory completion of all the modules and successful assessment marks, you will be invited to receive the fellowship certificate during the grand colourful convocation ceremony on 2nd Feb 2025 10am onwards

## Fellowship course combo fee includes

- **Registration** for the Online module and attendance to all 3 days of IAGES South Asia Summit in Nepal including live sessions and assessment sessions on 31st Jan 2025,
- **3 days** of academic sessions including mandatory sessions,
- **Lunches** and 1 Banquet Dinner, Conference kit and course materials,
- **Convocation** dress, and all fellowship certificates which are due to each fellowship candidate from current and previous fellowship courses



## ONE STOP FALS HERNIA FELLOWSHIP COURSE, CONFERENCE & CONVOCATION COMBO

Course Directors Dr.Ramesh Punjani  
Dr.T.Sivakumar  
Dr.Sarfaraz Baig  
Dr. Nidhi Khandelwal

### Day 1: Online Module: 26.01.25

9:00am to 1:00pm

20 min each

- Open surgery for groin hernia: When and how?
- TAPP: Step-by-step and troubleshooting
- TEP: Step-by-step and troubleshooting
- e-TEP groin hernia - Tricks of the trade
- Approach to recurrent inguinal hernia
- Complications in Laparoscopic Groin Hernia surgery
- Role of robotics in groin hernia surgeries
- Guidelines for prevention of Mesh infection

2:00pm to 5:00pm

Lunch Break

#### POST TEST 1

- Surgical Anatomy of the Abdominal wall
- Meshes and fixation devices for Ventral hernia
  - IOPM/IPOM PLUS
- Principles of Component Separation Techniques
  - e-TEP RS for ventral hernia
  - TARM
  - SCOLA
- Complications of Laparoscopic ventral hernia surgery

#### POST TEST 2

- Concluding Remarks - FALS Board Chairman

### Day 2: At IAGES SOUTH ASIA CONFERENCE @ KATHMANDU, NEPAL 31.01.25

2:00pm to 6:00pm

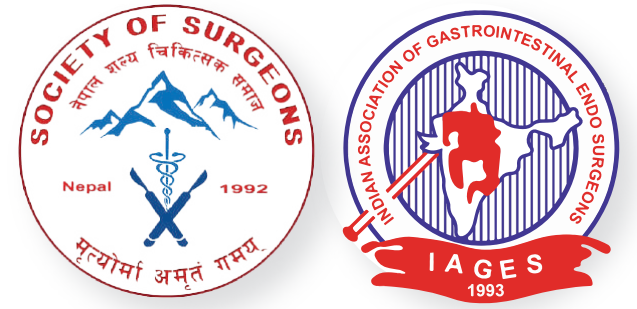
Attendance of all the sessions is mandatory for Viva Assessment

### Day 3: At IAGES SOUTH ASIA CONFERENCE @ KATHMANDU, NEPAL, 01.02.25

Mandatory attendance of all academic sessions in Hall 1 from 8 am to 6 pm including MCQ test

### Day 4: CONVOCATION @ IAGES SOUTH ASIA CONFERENCE @ KATHMANDU, NEPAL, 02.02.25

The exact time of the Viva and MCQ assessment during the conference will be notified closer to the event and all successful candidates who are already members of IAGES will be able to receive his/her FALS HERNIA Fellowship certificate during the Convocation Ceremony ( One-Stop Concept) to be held on the 2nd Feb 2025



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Welcome to Kathmandu, Nepal





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# EFIAGES



# ONE-STOP EFIAGES COURSE, CONFERENCE & CONVOCATION

## Timeline | Eligibility

Exam category	Post MS/DNB and has become an IAGES life member or Member of Nepal Surgical Society and assisted or performed about 25 Upper GI endoscopy or Flexible sigmoidoscopy
Non-exam category	10 years post-MS/DNB and has done more than 100 endoscopy or colonoscopy
Last date for registration	25.01.2025
Day 1 /Online platform	26.01.25 from 9 am to 5 pm with 15 lecture modules and panel discussion
Day 2 to Day 4 of the fellowship course	31st Jan with panels, master videos, and Simulator session on endoscopy navigation skills and a Live endoscopy session followed by MCQ paper and Viva
Convocation for EFIAGES	1st Feb and 2nd Feb 2025
Convocation for EFIAGES	2nd February at the conference venue at 9:00am



TO REGISTER



# ONE STOP EFIAGES COURSE, CONFERENCE & CONVOCATION

Anchors Dr. S. Easwarmoorthy  
Dr. Satyapriya DeSarkar,  
Dr. K. Govindaraj

## Day 1: 26th Jan

TIME	TOPIC
9am	Welcome address and Introduction to the Hybrid EFIAGES course
9.10-9.30	Endoscopy Hardware and Room Setup
9.40-10.00	Upper GI endoscopy: When to do and when not to do and Informed Consent
10.10-10.30	Upper GI endoscopy: Step by Step
10.40-11.00	Atlas of Upper GI endoscopy
11.10-11.30	FB Upper GI tract: Tips and Tricks
11.40-12.00	Management of Upper GI bleeding
12.10-12.30	Role of Endoscopy in Upper GI malignancy
12.40-1.10 pm	Role of Endoscopy in GERD/Achalasia
2pm-2.10pm	Post test 1
2.40-3.00	ABC of colonoscopy
3.10-3.30	Overview on therapeutic colonoscopy
3.40-4.30	Panel discussion on complications of Endoscopy and colonoscopy: Prevention and management
4.40-5.00	ABC of ERCP
5.10-5.30	Role of EUS in Upper GI disorders
5.40-5.50	Post test 2
5.50-6.00	Concluding remarks

Confirm who will be the host for uninterrupted net connectivity and prerecording for some of the speakers

## Day 2: EFIAGES 31.01.25 in Kathmandu

- Hands-on Simulator training modules
- Live demonstration of Endoscopic procedures
- Viva & MCQ assessment

## Day 3: EFIAGES 01.02.25 Saturday: Mandatory attendance in Hall A

## Day 4: EFIAGES 02.02.25 Sunday : Conference & Convocation

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# VENUE



# CONFERENCE VENUE



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# TRAVEL





## Nepal visa for Indian nationals:



You need to carry;  
**Valid Indian passport; or,  
Voter ID/Aadhar Card issued by the Government of India.**

Immigration Offices, under Department of Immigration have been facilitating tourists flying to Nepal by providing **Visa on Arrival**. 'On Arrival' visa procedure is very quick and simple. You can expect some queues during peak Tourist season. If you wish to skip those queues, you can also consider getting Visa from Nepalese Diplomatic Missions in India prior to your arrival.

**Visa information:** <https://in.nepalembassy.gov.np/visa/>

## Kathmandu Airport Info:



**Tribhuvan International Airport** is located in Kathmandu, Bagmati, Nepal. It has a tabletop runway, a domestic terminal and an international terminal. As the country's main international airport, it connects Nepal to over 40 destinations in 17 countries.

We have direct flights from Delhi, Kolkata, Bombay, Jaipur, Varanasi and Bangalore.  
We recommend you to book the flights early to save money.

## Nepal Tourism:



Nepal is a land of plentiful places of touristic interest. Please allow yourselves few days prior or after the conference for a trip around.

Kathmandu, Pokhara, Everest, Janakpur, Chitwan, Lumbini are few important spots for you to consider.

Please visit the official website for more info:  
<https://ntb.gov.np>



# Nepal Mobile Network and internet:

The following network are available in Nepal. 2G capabilities GSM 900, GSM 1800, 3G capabilities UMTS 2100 and 4G capabilities LTE 800, LTE 1800.

We request you to activate roaming services prior to your departure from India.

# Foreign Exchange:

UPI enabled payments are possible. Gpay and standard payment apps are available.

You can use Indian Rupees in Nepal, but with limitations; while technically accepted, it's recommended to exchange them for Nepalese Rupees as high denomination Indian notes (like 500 rupee note) are often not accepted and may be considered illegal to bring in, so it's best to stick to smaller denominations like 100 rupees or below.

Most of the credit cards are accepted.

# Travel Insurance:

No, travel insurance is not mandatory when traveling to Nepal, but it is highly recommended. One reason you should **purchase travel insurance before travelling to Nepal** is to easily avail medical benefits if you require treatment. If you experience flight, baggage or accommodation issues, travel insurance can cover you.



# EVENT MANAGEMENT INFO

## India

Registration-Scientific Program-Accommodation-Payment Gateway



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## Nepal

Onsite Event Management-AV Arrangements-Local Transfers-  
Cultural Evening-Convocation-Tours & Travels



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