

The 12th CLBS Symposium 2026

Improving Access & Redefining the Future of Liver Transplantation



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About Centre for Liver and Biliary Sciences

The Centre for Liver and Biliary Sciences (CLBS) at Max Super Speciality Hospital, Saket, New Delhi, is home to the world's largest living donor liver transplantation (LDLT) programme. Having performed more than 5,600 liver transplants, with an annual volume exceeding 500 procedures, the Centre has built exceptional experience in the management of advanced liver disease, liver transplantation, and complex HPB and GI disorders.

What began as an effort to establish specialised liver care has evolved into a comprehensive multidisciplinary service supported by transplant surgeons, hepatologists, anaesthetists, intensivists, radiologists, nurses, transplant coordinators, and allied healthcare professionals. Together, these teams support patients through every stage of care—from initial assessment and transplant planning to surgery, recovery, and long-term follow-up.

CLBS is also at the forefront of minimally invasive living donor surgery, with one of the world's largest experiences in robotic donor hepatectomy. The Centre routinely performs both robotic and laparoscopic donor hepatectomy, allowing the surgical approach to be tailored to individual donor anatomy and clinical requirements. This breadth of minimally invasive expertise is particularly distinctive, as comprehensive programmes offering both approaches is available at relatively few transplant centres worldwide. In addition, CLBS continues to advance donor safety as well as surgical innovation.

CLBS has been instrumental in supporting the development of transplant programs across India, notably at centres such as ILBS, New Delhi; SMS Medical College, Jaipur; SCB Medical College, Cuttack; Bangalore Medical College, Bengaluru; KIMS, Bhubaneswar; Ramaiah Medical College, Bengaluru; AIIMS, Patna; and King George's Medical University, Lucknow. CLBS has also trained surgeons from the USA, Japan, Malaysia, Kenya, Kazakhstan, Myanmar, Pakistan, Nepal, Bangladesh, Singapore, Yemen, Ethiopia, and other countries. Many of these professionals have subsequently established transplant services or assumed leadership roles within their own institutions.

Continuing this commitment, CLBS introduced a structured DrNB-SS Surgical Gastroenterology Super-Speciality Training Programme in 2025 and is expanding the number of trainees entering the programme. The curriculum provides focused experience in liver transplantation, complex HPB and GI surgery, perioperative decision-making, and the wider clinical responsibilities in patient care.

The annual CLBS Symposium reflects the Centre's commitment to education, collaboration, and professional dialogue by bringing together clinicians, surgeons, researchers, healthcare leaders, and trainees from India and across the world. This year's theme, "Improving Access and Redefining the Future of Liver Transplantation," highlights the persistent barriers patients face despite major scientific and technical advances, and aims to address the same in the meeting.



Dr (Prof) Subhash Gupta

Chairman –
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Invitation from Dr (Prof) Subhash Gupta

Dear Colleagues,

It is my privilege to welcome you to the 12th CLBS Symposium, centred on the theme **“Improving Access & Redefining the Future of Liver Transplantation.”**

Liver transplantation is one of the most remarkable achievements of modern medicine, transforming otherwise life-limiting liver disease into the possibility of renewed life. Yet, despite extraordinary advances in surgery, medicine and technology, access to this life-saving treatment remains unequal. For many patients, the greatest challenge is not whether transplantation is possible, but whether it can reach them at the right time, in the right place, and at an affordable cost.

The future of liver transplantation must therefore be defined not only by what we can achieve, but by how widely we can make those achievements available. Improving access requires earlier diagnosis and referral, stronger organ-donation systems, expansion of transplant services, affordable and sustainable models of care, trained multidisciplinary teams, and closer collaboration across institutions and regions.

At the same time, we are entering an exciting new era. Living-donor transplantation, minimally invasive and robotic surgery, machine perfusion, artificial intelligence, precision medicine and advances in transplant immunology are rapidly reshaping our field. But innovation reaches its highest purpose only when it translates into better outcomes and greater access for our patients.

The 12th CLBS Symposium brings together clinicians, surgeons, researchers, healthcare leaders and policymakers from India and across the world to exchange knowledge, challenge existing paradigms and explore practical solutions for the future.

Our aspiration should be clear: a future where geography, resources or access to specialised care do not determine a patient's opportunity for transplantation.

The next chapter of liver transplantation will be written not by technology alone, but by our ability to combine innovation with accessibility, excellence with affordability, and scientific progress with equity.

I warmly welcome you all and hope this symposium inspires new ideas, collaborations and initiatives that help us expand access, advance excellence and redefine the future of liver transplantation.

Thank you and welcome to the 12th CLBS Symposium.

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Scientific Programme

Day 1	Friday, 18 th September 2026	
Time	Topic	Speakers
Session 1	Liver Transplantation in India- Journey, Gaps & Future Directions	
Chairpersons: Dr Sanjiv Saigal, Dr Sudhindran S, Dr Pranjal Modi, Dr Rajashekhar Perumalla		
12.00 - 12.20	Transforming Liver Transplantation in India - A National Perspective	Dr Sonal Asthana
12.20 - 12.35	Northern India - Expanding Frontiers in Liver Transplantation	Dr V Pamecha
12.35 - 12.50	Eastern India - Emerging Centres & Evolving Outcomes	Dr GK Dhali
12.50 - 13.05	Southern India - Setting Benchmarks in LT Excellence	Dr Elan Kumaran
13.05 - 13.20	Western India: Innovation, Volume & Collaboration	Dr Gaurav Chaubal
13.20 - 14.00	Lunch	
14.00 - 14.15	Welcome Address	
Session 2	Transforming Transplantation in India: Overcoming Barriers, Building Partnerships	
14.15 - 14.20	Turning Tragedies to Saving Lives	Dr Subhash Gupta
14.20 - 14.50	Panel Discussion: Improving Trauma Care in India Moderator: Dr Amit Gupta	Panelists: Dr Sudhindran S Dr Rohit Baluja Mr Piyush Tewari
14.50 - 15.20	Panel Discussion: Public-private Partnerships in Healthcare Moderator: Dr V K Paul	Panelists: Dr Nagendra Swamy Dr Indu Bhushan Ms Nidhi Arora
15.20 - 15.50	Leveraging Medical Tourism for Healthcare of Indians	Dr Bishnu Panigrahi
Session 3	Improving Deceased Donation	
Chairpersons: Dr Viniyendra Pamecha, Dr Naimish Mehta, Dr Mettu Srinivas Reddy, Dr Neerav Goyal, Dr Dronacharya Rout		
15.50 - 16.05	Alcohol, Trauma & Liver Disease: A Public Health Crisis in India	Dr Kaushal Madan
16.05 - 16.20	DCDD in India - Current Progress, Challenges & Future Potential	Dr Pranjal Modi
16.20 - 16.35	Machine Perfusion and the Future of Graft Preservation - Indian Perspective	Dr Ravi Mohanka
Keynote Lecture		
16.35 - 16.55	DDLT has to Flourish in Government Hospitals to Allow for Improved Access to LT for the 'Have Nots'	Dr Krish Menon
16.55 - 17.10	Coffee Break	

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Time	Topic	Speakers
Session 4	Expanding Living Donation Without Compromising Safety	
Chairpersons: Dr Sonal Asthana, Dr Elan Kumaran, Dr Fysal KV, Dr Sreejith Sreekumar		
17:10 - 17:25	Minimally Invasive Donor Hepatectomy: Standard of Care or Surgical Fashion?	Dr Vivek Vij
17:25 - 17:40	When Should We Say No to a Donor- Defining Acceptable Risk in Living Donation	Dr Amit Rastogi
17:40 - 17:55	Steatotic Donors in LDLT: Expanding Criteria Safely	Dr Mettu Srinivas Reddy
17:55 - 18:10	Is ABOi LDLT ready for prime time in India?	Dr Shaleen Agarwal
18:10 - 18:25	Posterior Sector Grafts in LDLT: Favourable Anatomy, Techniques and Volume Assessment	Dr Neerav Goyal
18:25 - 18:40	Dealing with Cholestasis post Living Donor Hepatectomy	Dr Naimish Mehta
16:00 - 17:30	Mini Oral Presentation-1 (LTP Conference Room, 5 th Floor, West Block)	

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Day 2	Saturday, 19 th September 2026	
Time	Topic	Speakers
Session 5	Improving Access to Liver Transplantation	
Chairpersons: Dr Krish Menon, Dr Biju Pottakat, Dr Utpal Anand, Dr Vivek Yadav, Dr Raghav Nayyar		
8.30 - 8.45	ERAS in Liver Transplantation: Can Fast-Track Pathways Reduce Cost?	Dr Mohd Nayeem
8.45 - 9.00	LT in Government Sector: The Way Forward	Dr Sujoy Pal
9.00 - 9.15	LDLT vs DDLT: Cost Benefit Analysis	Dr Chetan Kantharia
9.15 - 9.30	Can PPP Models Transform Organ Transplantation?	Dr Subhash Gupta
9.30 - 9.45	Lower MELD Transplantation: Better Economics or Overkill	Dr Mukul Rastogi
9.45 - 10.00	Bridging the Access Gap in Liver Transplantation: Lessons from the United States	Dr Abhinav Humar
Session 6	Optimizing Outcomes After Liver Transplantation	
Chairpersons: Dr Varuna Aluvihare, Dr Gaurav Chaubal, Dr Rajesh Dey, Dr Vaibhav Nasa, Dr Inbaraj B		
10.00 - 10.15	Dealing with Difficult Recipient Hepatectomy to Optimize Outcomes	Dr Kamal Yadav
10.15 - 10.30	Strategies to Optimize LT in ACLF	Dr Rajesh Rajalingam
10.30 - 10.45	Making Sense of Complex ICU Care: ECMO, CRRT and Filters	Dr Sandeep Dewan
10.45 - 11.00	Noninfectious and Nontechnical Mortality After LT	Dr Naveen Ganjoo
Session 7	The Achilles Heel of LDLT: Prevention and Management of Biliary Complications	
Chairpersons: Dr Rajesh Rajalingam, Dr Pankaj Singh, Dr Rajgopal Acharya, Dr Bappaditya Har, Dr Ramesh Singh Bhandari		
11.00 - 11.15	Strategies to Reduce Biliary Complications in LDLT	Dr P Balachandran Menon
11.15 - 11.30	ERCP After LT: What Works and What Fails, When Should Endoscopy Be the First Choice?	Dr Hitendra Garg
11.30 - 11.45	Percutaneous Management of Complex Biliary Complications, Role as 1st Choice?	Dr Shah Nawaz B Kaloo
11.45 - 12.00	Roux-en-Y Hepaticojejunostomy as 1st Choice: Definitive Solution or Overtreatment?	Dr Kausar Makki
Session 8	Beyond the First Year: Long-term Care and Challenges After Liver Transplant	
Chairpersons: Dr Naveen Ganjoo, Dr Mukul Rastogi, Dr Waliullah Siddiqui, Dr Gursaggar Singh Sahota		
12.00 - 12.15	Tailoring Immunosuppression After LT- Minimizing Toxicity While Preventing Rejection	Dr Karan Kumar
12.15 - 12.30	Recurrent MASH After LT: Are We Losing the Metabolic Battle?	Dr Charles Panackel

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12.30 - 12.45	Recidivism After LT: Ethics, Prediction and Prevention	Dr Vinay Mahla
12.45 - 13.00	Immunological causes of Late Graft Loss: Under the Lens, Prevention & Treatment Strategies	Dr Mukul Vij
13.00 - 13.15	Intercurrent Illness in LT Recipients: Managing the Immunocompromised Patient	Dr Amrish Sahney
13.15 - 13.30	Emerging role of MRI in Diagnosing Acute and Chronic Rejection	Dr Ruchi Rastogi
13.30 - 14.15	Lunch	
Session 9	Innovations in Liver Transplantation - Reducing Cost Without Compromising Care	
Chairpersons: Dr Charles Panackel, Dr Ramdip Ray, Dr Arvind Prakash, Dr Shashwat Sarin, Dr Hetal Pampaniya		
14.15 - 14.30	Rational use of Albumin, Induction agents, Factor Concentrates, Preservative solutions in LDLT	Dr Vijay Vohra
14.30 - 14.45	Immediate Extubation After LT: Is It Time for Routine Practice in selected Patients ?	Dr Vijaykant Pandey
14.45 - 15.00	Reducing ICU Stay After LT: Science or Aggressive Cost Cutting?	Dr Giriraj Bora
15.00 - 15.15	Artificial Intelligence in Resource Optimization and Cost Reduction After LT	Dr Mamatha Bhat
Session 10	Preventing Progression: Early Intervention in Liver Disease	
Chairpersons: Dr Amrish Sahney, Dr Prashant Kadam, Dr Vinay Mahla, Dr Shekhar Singh Jadaun, Dr Dhiraj Agarwal		
15.15 - 15.30	The Modern Epidemic: Managing Fatty Liver Disease	Dr Abhishek Deo
15.30 - 15.45	Diabetes as a Driver of Liver Disease - The Hepato-Metabolic Connection	Dr Varuna Aluvihare
15.45 - 16.00	Liver Biopsy in Early Liver Disease: When is it Must?	Dr Thiagarajan S
16.00 - 16.15	Pathways to Successful Recompensation in Cirrhosis	Dr Narendra Choudhary
16.15 - 16.30	Sponsored Talk by Roche Diagnostics - Developments in the Management of Intermediate HCC with Atezolizumab plus Bevacizumab	
16.30 - 16.45	Coffee Break	
Session 11	HCC in 2026: Balancing Outcomes, Innovation and Cost	
Chairpersons: Dr Mohammed Nayeem, Dr Nagendra Sharma, Dr Yuktansh Pandey, Dr Tjhang Supardjo, Dr Brahmatt Patnaik		
16.45 - 17.00	LRT, Resection or Liver Transplantation: Choosing the Right Strategy	Dr Mahesh Goel
17.00 - 17.15	Recurrent HCC: Repeat Resection, Systemic Therapy or LT?	Dr Ravichand Siddhachari
17.15 - 17.30	Can Immunotherapy Expand Transplant Eligibility?	Dr Atul Sharma
17.30 - 17.45	What's New in HCC Management?	Dr NR Dash
10.00 - 11.30	Plenary Session - Oral Paper Presentation (LTP Conference Room, 5 th Floor, West Block)	
20.00 onwards	Faculty Dinner	

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Day 3	Sunday, 20 th September 2026	
Time	Topic	Speakers
Session 12	Paediatric Liver Transplantation: Beyond Survival	
Chairpersons: Dr Vikram Kumar, Dr Arti Pawaria, Dr Jagadeesh Krishnamurthy, Dr Sushant Bhatia		
9.30 - 9.45	Biliary Atresia - Early Diagnosis and Outcomes of Early Kasai Procedure	Dr Madhusudhan CH
9.45 - 10.00	Nutritional Prehabilitation- Optimizing Children Before Transplantation	Dr Jagadeesh Menon
10.00 - 10.15	PTLD in Paediatric LT: Prevention, Early Diagnosis and Treatment	Dr Amita Mahajan
10.15 - 10.30	Drug Compliance in Paediatric LT and Minimizing Retransplantation	Dr Vipul Gautam
10.30 - 10.45	Beyond Graft Survival: Quality of Life and Long Term Outcomes After Pediatric Liver Transplantation	Dr Smita Malhotra
Keynote Lecture		
10.45 - 11.05	Immune Tolerance in LDLT: Role of Donor-Derived Regulatory Dendritic Cells & IS Withdrawal	Dr Abhinav Humar
11.05 - 11.20	Coffee Break	
Session 13	Acute Liver Failure: Bridging, Decision Making and Transplantation	
Chairpersons: Dr Abhinav Humar, Dr Abhishek Deo, Dr Sumit Goel, Dr Shweta Singh, Dr Vikas Moond		
11.20 - 11.35	Decision Making in ALF: Timing the Transplant	Dr Anand Khakhar
11.35 - 11.50	Cerebral Oedema- Saving the Brain in Acute Liver Failure	Dr Arti Pawaria
11.50 - 12.05	CRRT and Plasmapheresis - Can Organ Support Delay or Avoid Transplantation?	Dr Rakhi Maiwall
12.05 - 12.20	Role of Vaccines in Preventing Liver Diseases	Dr Neeraj Saraf
Session 14	Shaping the Future of Liver Transplantation in India and Beyond	
Chairpersons: Dr Peush Sahni, Dr Anand Khakhar, Dr Sujoy Pal, Dr Rajashekhar K		
Keynote Lecture		
12.20 - 12.40	Xenotransplantation: Are We Ready for the Next Frontier?	Dr Ik Jin Yun
12.40 - 12.55	Emerging Role of Magnetic Compression Anastomosis in Post LT Refractory Biliary Strictures	Dr Sanjay Rajput
12.55 - 13.10	Telemedicine and Digital Follow-Up After LT	Dr Ramdip Ray
13.10 - 13.25	Transplant Coordinators vs Grief Counselors: Redefining Organ Donation Teams	Ms Pallavi Kumar
13.25 - 13.40	Expanding Regional Government Liver Transplant Centers	Dr Biju Pottakat
10.00 - 11.30	Mini-Oral Presentation-2 (LTP Conference Room, 5 th Floor, West Block)	
13.40 - 13.50	Award Ceremony and Vote of Thanks	
13.50 onwards	Lunch	

The organising committee of
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Saturday, 19th September 2026



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