

1st AIIMS ORL–HNS Conclave 2026 Successfully Hosted at AIIMS Bibinagar

The Department of Otorhinolaryngology (ENT), AIIMS Bibinagar, successfully organized the 1st AIIMS ORL–HNS Conclave 2026 from 18th to 21st March 2026, marking a significant milestone in fostering academic synergy and collaborative engagement across AIIMS institutions nationwide. The conclave witnessed enthusiastic participation from faculty members, senior residents, and postgraduate trainees, and featured a rich and comprehensive scientific program comprising keynote addresses, plenary sessions, panel discussions, and case-based interactive deliberations. The sessions spanned major subspecialties including Head and Neck Oncology, Thyroid and Parathyroid Surgery, Otology, Neurotology, and Skull Base Surgery, providing a robust platform for exchange of contemporary knowledge and clinical expertise. The academic stature of the conclave was greatly elevated by the presence and scholarly contributions of eminent stalwarts, including Dr. (Prof.) Saurabh Varshney, Ex-Executive Director, AIIMS Deoghar, Dean (Academics), and Professor & Head of ENT, AIIMS Rishikesh, widely recognized for his contributions to Otology, Head and Neck Surgery, and academic leadership; and Dr. (Prof.) Rakesh Kumar, Professor & Head of ENT, AIIMS New Delhi, a distinguished authority in Otology, Neurotology, and Facial Plastic Surgery. Their insightful lectures and visionary perspectives significantly enriched the scientific deliberations and inspired participants. A major highlight of the conclave was the series of hands-on workshops, designed to provide immersive, skill-based learning. These included Cochlear Implant with Temporal Bone Dissection, Video Nystagmography (VNG), and endoscopic procedures such as rigid and flexible bronchoscopy and sialendoscopy. The Cochlear Implant and Temporal Bone Dissection Workshop was further strengthened by the esteemed participation of Dr. (Prof.) Anand Acharya, Ex-Head and Medical Superintendent, Koti ENT Hospital, and Dr. Veena D.K., Senior Audiologist at Koti ENT Hospital, whose extensive experience in otology and cochlear implantation provided invaluable insights into surgical techniques and intraoperative decision-making. Similarly, the Hands-on VNG and Vestibular Rehabilitation Workshop benefitted immensely from the expertise of Dr. Anita Bhandari, Dr. (Prof.) Prem Sagar, and Dr. (Prof.) Satvinder Singh Bakshi. Their interactive teaching and practical demonstrations significantly enhanced participants' understanding of vestibular diagnostics, interpretation, and rehabilitation strategies, making the workshops highly impactful and clinically relevant. The conclave also featured paper, poster, and video presentations, along with a Postgraduate Quiz, fostering academic rigor, innovation, and healthy competition among trainees. The event culminated in a valedictory ceremony, including awards and certificate distribution, celebrating academic excellence and participation. Importantly, the conclave laid a strong foundation for the formation of an All India AIIMS ENT Association and a structured collaborative research platform. Deliberations among senior faculty underscored the need for a unified academic framework to facilitate seamless sharing of research ideas, protocols, and institutional resources. It was collectively envisaged to establish a dedicated AIIMS ENT Collaborative Research Network, enabling multi-centric studies with larger sample sizes, enhanced methodological rigor, and broader national representation. Such an initiative would not only strengthen evidence-based practice but also promote mentorship of postgraduate trainees and foster joint publications across institutions. This initiative represents a significant step towards building a cohesive academic ecosystem, enhancing research output, and positioning AIIMS institutions at the forefront of impactful, practice-changing ENT research in India. The successful conduct of the conclave stands as a testament to AIIMS Bibinagar's commitment to excellence in medical education, innovation, and national academic integration, setting a benchmark for future academic endeavors.



