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Message from the President



Dear respected members

It is time for our national conference 2025

This time it is happening our coastal city of Vizag. It is time for interaction, fun, social meetings and above all sharing great educational knowledge. It is truly a year of presidency for me as I enjoyed thoroughly last 3 months of travel to different parts of India for state chapter meetings

State chapter meetings: is it a boon for our professional society?

Every state chapter had its flavour and warmth in number of members attended and scientific content. My first one was in Maharashtra and then ended in Ludhiana in Punjab with a bang. Even our newest state chapters like Bihar had so much to offer to members in knowledge sharing and fun. At least in 3 state chapters I gave an oration about our journey of maxillofacial surgery. In Every meeting I stressed the need inspiring the youngsters to join for SSRF scheme, medical Indemnity policy and to be more active association matters.

There was a lot of concerns raised regarding the state chapter meetings will affect the members attendance in national conference. But then I was happy to see our Vizag conference clicked 1150 registration when the news last clicked in.

So, this reminds from year 2000, when I started attending national conferences, the enthusiasm, meeting national faculty and interacting with international faculty is increasing every year. I am sure we will professionally grow much greater heights in years to come with accepting new technology and adopting innovation to clinical practice for better patient service.

I will see you all of you in Vizag on 11th December 2025 for extravagant conference under my Presidency!

Regards

Dr. Manikandhan Ramanathan
President, AOMSI.

Message from the Hon General Secretary



Dear Friends,

It gives me immense pleasure to pen this message for a special edition of Maxfacts, highlighting the outstanding contributions of our AOMSI State Chapters throughout the year.

Across India — from North to South and East to West — every chapter has worked tirelessly to advance our specialty through scientific conferences, CMEs, outreach programs, awareness activities, and PG engagement. These regional initiatives have strengthened professional unity, enhanced skills, and created platforms for knowledge sharing closer to home.

AOMSI's growth rests upon the energy and dedication of our state leaders, office bearers, educators, and young clinicians who continuously uphold our mission at the grassroots level. I express my heartfelt appreciation to each state chapter for their passion and collaborative spirit.

This issue is being inaugurated at our 48th Annual National Conference in Visakhapatnam, a gathering that celebrates academic excellence and the collective strength of our fraternity. Let us continue moving forward with purpose, innovation, and pride in our profession.

Warm regards,

Dr. Girish Rao

Honorary General Secretary

Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons of India (AOMSI)

Message from Editorial Team

Dear Readers!
Season's Greetings.

Team maxfacts extends its heartfelt congratulations to the organizing team of all the state office bearers of various states who conducted AOMSI State Conferences of various chapters in the year 2025. This edition of Maxfacts Newsletter highlights the nice and informative conferences organized.

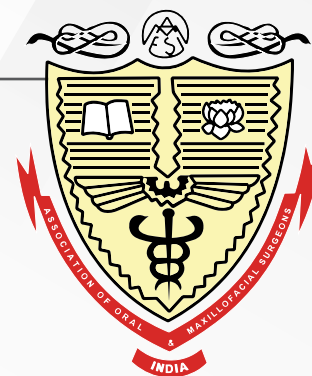
In spotlight interview, it was an absolute honor and privilege to get insights from our beloved President, AOMSI respected Dr. Manikandan Sir. In spotlight interview we have also covered another eminent personality our honorable Treasurer, AOMSI respected Dr. Rajashekar Sir.

Hoping to see most of you in Vizag.

High Regards!
Team Maxfacts.



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SPOTLIGHT *Interview*



Dr. Manikandhan Ramanathan

President, AOMSI.

Your journey with AOMSI has been long and impactful. Could you take us back to how it all started — what inspired your deep involvement with the association?

It is indeed a pleasure to answer this query. As an oral and maxillofacial surgeon, when I returned from the UK in 1999 after fellowship training, I saw that there were plenty of opportunities on the academic and clinical side in India, especially in Chennai. When I joined the Dental Institute in various positions to start with, I saw there was a huge vacuum in niche specialties like cleft rehabilitation. Then came the challenge of keeping abreast with knowledge and training the young, budding surgeons. Within a year or two, I realized that if we were to progress in academics and clinical expertise, the only way was to join and attend conferences organized by the Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons of India which offered clinical knowledge and plenty of social interactions for building up profession.

Serving as the President of AOMSI is both an honour and a huge responsibility. What were the core goals and priorities you set for the association when you took office?

Yes, I agree it was really a big honour and responsibility to run an association with 11000 life and student members. My priorities and goals were simple

- To address any lingering administrative issues in association with getting them straight
- Strengthen our association with new members to the maximum
- Educate the incoming student trainees about why an association is important to join and be a part of it for their future profession
- Revitalize the SSRF scheme for the benefit and support of families, if any our members have an unfortunate event in life
- Engage the state chapter secretaries and presidents with a common goal in coordination with head office objectives
- Integrate all the amendments done for the AOMSI constitution from inception to get ready for new but essential consolidated revamped constitution in 2025
- To develop complete book "chronicle of AOMSI" to benefit all the members to know the journey of association for last more than 50 years.

As you lead a national body of surgeons, how do you envision shaping the future of oral and maxillofacial surgery in India over the coming years?

I think we have come a long way in oral and maxillofacial surgery, from minor oral surgery to advanced craniofacial surgery in the last 55 years. The primary aim should be to optimize the outcomes of surgery through rigorous, constant, updated training, accepting digital technology for better results, and most importantly, collaborating with research as innovation and advanced science go hand in hand.

AOMSI has consistently expanded opportunities for young surgeons. What are some initiatives you are particularly proud of that support academic growth, clinical excellence, and innovation among emerging professionals?

As an academician and clinician for the last 33 years, I make it a point to teach the trainees to achieve the highest standards of professional care in outpatient as well as inpatient surgical practice. I can say that I have personally trained nearly 25 cleft fellows in my surgical career, and it is heartening to see that the AOMSI has come forward for the last 10 years, training our young surgeons through dedicated fellowship centres all over India on different subspecialties.

Another feather to our association is that during my tenure, we have sent three upcoming AOMSI members funded by our own association up to Rs 1 lakh to expose them and improve surgical knowledge from various international centre of excellence.

Leadership often requires balancing multiple perspectives. What has been your biggest learning experience as President so far?

As a full-time academician and clinician, we need to do balance between profession and Presidential duty. Taking the responsibility was a huge step in between this, but eventually the responsibility was an opportunity for me to serve the members in different ways, be it Physical Masterclass or SSRF scheme rejuvenation. Leading a national association is a matter of pride and responsibility bestowed on me by our esteemed members, hence I have to deliver the duty maximum regardless of busy schedules. Of course there were some shortcomings here and there but then I have to work with a balancing act to satisfy every subspecialty improvement and concerns.

You're widely known as a fitness enthusiast who manages to stay active despite an

intense professional schedule. How has fitness influenced your discipline, mind-set, and leadership style?

Health is wealth. To be fit lifelong is a dream for anybody. I felt we had to be fit and healthy to make a healthy society of patient. I always felt that keeping fit is the mantra to be active in life and profession; unfortunately, there is no alternative to it. Once the fitness achieved, the mindset and discipline will fall in place, which will eventually help us to take up any role in the association and profession.

With so many surgeons battling burnout today, what wellness advice would you give to colleagues trying to maintain their physical and mental health while excelling in the profession?

Be active from the minute you wake up from the bed. Try to be positive, be disciplined in healthy food and try to be stress free even in scenarios with day to day hardships. I quote, As per Bhagavat Gita: living in the present is more important: It says, the past is behind, learn from it. The future is ahead, prepare for it. The present is here live it. You become what you believe then....

Looking back at your professional journey — from clinician to leader — what experiences or mentors have shaped your philosophy in patient care and organizational leadership?

No clinician or leader is born but made by the life experiences/ teachers and mentors. Starting from undergraduate and postgraduate training I saw selfless teachers who gave everything to us including knowledge, discipline and life lessons for professional success. Of course 33 years of mixed clinical experience and academic was great journey but then I had the gut feeling always that I have to give back something to the association. My colossal training in different parts of the world, largely in UK have infused lots of patient

care philosophy in me, which eventually led to organization responsibility as President.

What do you think are the most exciting advancements on the horizon in OMF surgery, and how is AOMSI preparing the community for them?

55 years of metamorphosis of OMFS community to the present level with 11000 members is great journey. I feel we have embraced challenges in every subspecialty of head and surgery with digital technology, updated training, international collaboration, recognition of our AOMSI surgeons have reached to the top level in the world as International Presidents twice in the last 10 years. The next level of training has to be both basic conventional level but also digital platforms including simulation in all types of subspecialties.

And finally, on a personal note — what continues to motivate and energize you every day, and what legacy would you like to leave behind as President of AOMSI?

It is the support and enthusiasm from members of our esteemed association and wonderful executive committee who guided for 1 year as a President to fulfil my duties. There is a lot more in future can be done and I wish all the best for our Incoming president Dr Ashish to take the baton from me serve the little community surgeons and public in a very happy manner.





SPOTLIGHT *Interview*

Dr. Rajasekhar Gaddipati



Dr. Rajasekhar Gaddipati

When you look back at the moment you first took charge as the Treasurer of one of the biggest associations in the country — AOMSI — five years ago, what was the vision you stepped in with? And how did you imagine the role would shape the way we look at treasury today?

To be honest, I was not very strong in finance initially. But I had close friends who were experienced in investments and other financial matters. When I shared my intention to take up this role, they encouraged me, saying, “Everything has a beginning. You might not be confident now, but once you take it up, you will truly understand how important financial management is.”



They assured me that by handling aspects such as auditing, investments, liabilities, and budgets, I would learn and grow in this area. I also received valuable guidance from senior members of the association. My close friends, including ____ and Pritam, told me, “Call us anytime — we’ll help you out.”

They also pointed out that if I really wanted to contribute something meaningful to the association, a long-term role would help me make a significant impact. Short-term positions, like one year, often end before you fully understand the workings.

So I decided to take this up as a personal challenge — to learn finance, to understand investments better, and to develop a strong understanding of budgeting. With continuous encouragement and support from my friends and colleagues, I stepped into this responsibility.

Above all, I genuinely wanted to contribute my best to the association, and that motivation

helped me take up this position with confidence.

Managing finances of a National Association with such a huge caliber is quite a responsibility. So, what were the learnings you gained through this journey? Because it’s teamwork, right? There are many things involved — understanding from the state, the center, conferences, so many activities.

In my mind, money saved is money gained. When you save money judiciously, you gain. Spend wisely, and wherever possible, save. If we make unnecessary expenses or grants, eventually the association will suffer. Because the association is planning fantastic academic activities, welfare activities, philanthropic activities — to uplift our members and highlight our specialty. Without money, we cannot execute these activities. So, the main motto was: Save the money, and you will have enough funds for future projects, enabling numerous activities that will bring a good name,

fame, and awareness to our specialty. This has been my core principle.

So, through these 5 years that we have seen under your leadership, what were the changes or reforms brought into the association in the financial background? Because I'm sure when you took up the post of Treasurer, there were still some tasks pending. What were the achievements in your tenure?

Dr. Ashish Gupta was the one who started the major reformation of the Treasurer's post. He brought auditing to the forefront — earlier auditing was done here and there, and for a few years it was not done at all. But when Dr. Ashish Gupta took over, he started reforming the entire treasury structure — budgeting, allocations, finance management, and all of that.

Then, major reforms took place under Dr. Subhashini and Dr. S. Pramod Subhash. They did commendable work in restructuring the treasury system. The first thing they did was bring all the accounts under Kotak Mahindra Bank. The Permanent Membership fee collected goes to SBI Bank, but all other revenue — whether from conferences, the journal, or donations — goes to Kotak Mahindra Bank. The interest from fixed deposits also goes into the account used for day-to-day work.

Dr. Pramod also appointed an auditor and an accountant so that every penny spent is accounted for. The accountant prepares detailed financial sheets which the auditor verifies — checking income, expenses, everything — and then files the audit report with the Income Tax Department. So, Dr. Pramod has done a phenomenal job.

Apart from this, many other seniors contributed immensely to securing 12A and 80G registrations from the Income Tax Department. These registrations exempt us from income tax since the association is a non-profit serving members, not a business.

The application alone was not enough — because of the efforts of Dr. Sanjeev Nair, Krishna Murthy, Preetham Shetty, Bhagwan, Vijay Deshmukh, and many other seniors — including Dr. Pramod Subhash and myself — we worked extensively with the auditors. Finally, in 2022, we were awarded 12A and 80G status. So now, our association is exempted from income tax.

I have not stopped there. This was done during Dr. Pramod's time, and after I took over, we applied for exemption for the previous years before 2022 as well. We have been fighting this case since 2016. We have managed to get a couple of years exempted. If we win the ongoing case, we will get a huge refund from the Income Tax Department. If not, it's okay — we have already paid it. But if it comes, it's a great boon for the association.

Now we have an auditor and an accountant. However, once I took over, government policies changed again. Apart from income tax exemption, we had issues with GST. We are paying GST, but there were confusions — because at the state level, state conferences are paying GST, and at national level, we are paying GST. There is something called input credits, and there was confusion among state treasurers, national treasurer, and secretary.

So during my tenure, we appointed a GST consultant, Mr. Saifuddin from Indore. Now this system is also becoming streamlined.

Step by step, we are strengthening everything so that in future, there will be no problems.

And the whole financial system is extremely transparent. It's not like if I sign a cheque, the money will be released — no. Along with me, the Secretary also has to scrutinize and approve the payment. Only after both our signatures will any payment be made.

So, it is a completely transparent system and a collective authorization where two people evaluate whether a payment is necessary or not.

It's so informative to know what actually happens in the background of such a responsible post. So whenever there is a conference or academic event, how does budgeting happen? What teamwork goes into it? Can you walk us through the whole process?

When I took over as Treasurer, I went to Kochi and spoke to Dr. Pramod. I told him openly:

"I am totally zero in finance. I don't know anything. I am worried and scared. Please teach me."

So I requested him to give me 1–2 days exclusively. I went to Kochi and spent almost a full day with him. He very generously explained everything — my responsibilities, how to cross-check, how to ask questions when grants are requested, how to approve them, everything.

He showed me budgeting on his laptop — for example:

- How much we pay for Fellowship candidates
- How many candidates are there
- Monthly expenses × 12 months = Annual budget for Fellowship

This is one major component.

Second is travel. There are 34 office bearers who travel for association work — conferences, meetings, workshops, etc. These are not personal trips — they leave their families, clinics, and work for the association. So the association must take care of their travel expenses. This has to be included in the budget.

Next is backend operations — since we do not have a physical office, A1 Logistics takes care of:

- Website
- Membership data
- Communication
- Cloud data storage
- Backend support for all activities

So we must allocate an annual budget for that too, with expected yearly increases.

We also need reserves — for example, during COVID (2021), there were no conferences, so no income. But fellowships continued — we still had to pay:

- Fellowship instructors
- Zoom platform
- Backend support teams

We cannot tell fellowship trainees:

"Sorry, no income this year, so no payment."

So reserves are essential.

We also allocate:

- Grants to State chapters → based on new membership
e.g., 100 new members in Karnataka → $100 \times 1500 = ₹1,50,000$
This is kept as FD, and the interest is used by the state
- Academic activities like
 - Foundation courses
 - Masterclasses
This year ₹10,00,000 (₹2,00,000 × 5 cities)
- Seed money for conferences
 - Mid-term: ~₹10 lakhs
 - Annual: ~₹20 lakhs
 - This helps organizers start bookings and execution
 - Once they receive funds from registration/trade → they return it
- Welfare funds
 - SRF: ₹10 lakhs FD → interest used for welfare only
 - Professional Indemnity: actively encouraging members
 - New OMFS Research Foundation: ₹5 lakhs FD for research grants (interest used)

All this requires huge financial planning.

We sincerely thank many who contributed to increasing revenue, especially from our Journal.



Earlier, printing & postage cost a lot. After shifting to fully online, Springer returned that cost-saving as revenue to association:

- Initially: ₹30 lakhs
- Later: ₹50 lakhs
- Last year: ₹60 lakhs
- This year: ₹70 lakhs from the journal!

That is a huge achievement thanks to Dr. Krishnamurthy, Dr. Sanjeev Nair, and now Dr. Amit.

Also, conference surplus contributes significantly: Top contributions so far:

- Delhi (Dr. Ashish Gupta & team): ₹80 lakhs (highest)
- Bengaluru Golden Jubilee (Dr. Ramdas & team): ₹50+ lakhs
- Mangaluru (Dr. Mustafa & Dr. Manjunatha): ₹48 lakhs

We are not conducting conferences to make money — but this revenue keeps the association progressing to support academic, welfare, and philanthropic activities.

Sometimes, even with plans and great ideas — if there is no money, we cannot move forward.

We need funds to benefit the association, its members, and the specialty.

Finances have evolved over time, especially after the pandemic, with almost everything shifting to a fully digital mode. While this has its advantages, it also raises concerns about transparency and trust in digital transactions. How are we ensuring that the association's finances remain secure and well-managed in this digital era?

That is a very important question. Yes, everything today is digital, including payments and documentation — and we have taken strong measures to ensure financial safety and transparency.

Firstly, a majority of our fixed deposits are maintained in State Bank of India, which is one of the most trusted nationalised banks in the country. Whenever a student becomes a member and pays ₹10,620 as membership fees, the entire amount goes directly to the SBI account. It does not go to our Kotak Mahindra account at all.

We operate with two separate bank accounts:

- SBI — Only for life membership funds (like a safe locker). We do not withdraw or spend even ₹1 from this account except for statutory GST when required.
- Kotak Mahindra — For regular expenditure, grants, programs, conferences, masterclasses, foundation courses, stipends, and association activities.

So, membership funds remain completely untouched and secure in SBI.

Now, where does Kotak Mahindra get funds from? Our journal income, conference surplus, and in some cases interest earned from the membership deposits are transferred into Kotak Mahindra for operational use. As per the norms for maintaining our 12A and 80G registrations, we must spend at least 85% of our income. This ensures we remain tax-exempt and continue to function as a non-profit association.

Coming to digital security —

All payments from Kotak Mahindra go through multiple levels of authorization:

1. Initiate the payment
2. It goes for approval to Dr. Girish
3. Only after his verification, the bank processes it

On the bank's side too, there are two to three layers of digital security. If there is even the slightest doubt, our bank manager or the technical team personally contacts us for confirmation — for example, "Doctor, did you schedule a payment of ₹1,30,000?" Only after we confirm, is the transaction completed.

We are constantly in touch with the bank's technical team as well to stay alerted to any risks.

Till date — touch wood — there has been no discrepancy or unauthorized transaction. Everything is carefully monitored, double-checked, and fully traceable.

So yes, while the world has gone digital, I can confidently say that our finances are protected, transparent, and system-driven.

What are the financial disciplines that you have personally adopted from being a Treasurer? And what can you tell our association members, our doctors, our oral and maxillofacial surgeons — what can they take as personal finance discipline?

First thing is: for everything, you have to question. Even though he is your closest friend — if he comes and approaches you, saying “See Rajanna, I’m organizing a conference here or a workshop for this, and I’m incurring so many expenses, can you help me with some finances?” First and foremost, he has to write a letter to the head of the association — not to me.

Now, if you are my friend and you want money, I may give from my personal pocket — maybe ₹1,000, ₹5,000, ₹10,000 — I can give as a contribution. But not association money.

If you want even ₹1 from the association, first you put it in black and white:

- for what you want,
- why you want,
- how much you want,
- when do you want it,

All these questions must be answered in writing. Send a letter to the Secretary; send a copy to the Treasurer. Once the President and Secretary approve — and there is also a limit — if the amount requested is within ₹50,000, and if they

feel this workshop is very important and genuine and the team is working hard, and they say yes — then only we move forward.

If it is more than ₹50,000 — up to ₹2,00,000 — the Executive Committee has to take a decision.

If it is more than ₹2,00,000 — the AGM has to approve, because it is members’ money we are spending. We have no authority to spend randomly. We are answerable. So, we have to use the money judiciously.

If tomorrow somebody asks, “Why did Raj Shekhar give money to him because he is your friend? Why didn’t you give to me?” — then on the stage, I am answerable. So, I have to use it very judiciously.

From day one, I believe only one thing:

If anybody wants any money, we will give — but it has to come through proper channel.

It has to be routed properly.

The purpose has to be clearly documented.

Only if it is approved — then we will give.

I made a few enemies out of it — no problem. But the association money is totally safeguarded.

When Dr. Pramod Subhash handed the association finances to me, there were ₹5,00,00,000 plus some change as fixed deposits. Today — with all the principles I followed — the association is having more than ₹11,00,00,000 as fixed deposits in the bank.

Yes — ₹11,00,00,000.

Because I started questioning — “Why do you want it?” We can’t give just like that. We need proper reasoning.

So I did this very strictly:

You are my friend — I will help you personally — we will chill outside, but association money is different. Keep away from this.

Fortunately, none of my friends approached me asking association grants. A few people did — and I told them the route. They approached the President and Secretary — they also felt it was genuine, they wanted to do hard work, they did the hard work — and we allocated some money.

The results were shown — the photographs submitted — the Secretary inspected personally. Everything was appropriate.

So, no questions were asked during the AGM — because we used funds ethically and judiciously. That is really good to know. Because I think the foundation of all activities — as you said — comes from finance. Money is the beginning and end of everything. And it has been worked on and used judiciously — and we have seen the outcomes. I think that is more satisfactory than anything else. So, lastly — I am so happy that the association is having... When I took over, I thought I should keep it minimum doubling the fixed deposit. When Dr. Subhash left, it was ₹5,00,00,000 — I should make it double and leave it. Now it is more than ₹11,00,00,000. I am very happy, very satisfied. I have done something for the association. This is more than enough.

I am very grateful for all the people who have helped me during my tenure and throughout my journey.

After completing such a meaningful tenure and journey, what are your personal reflections? What advice would you like to give the next Treasurer who's coming in? And what do you see as the way forward for the entire association as such?

Before giving my advice, I want to thank a few more people. One is Dr. Abhilasha Yadav. She joined me later. A new post was created — I requested for a Joint Treasurer post. I pursued it in the EC — then from EC it went to AGM — and everyone agreed. I am thankful to everyone.

The following year, they included a Joint Treasurer post in our EC. And now Abhilasha stood for it — she won the election — and she has been very, very helpful.

I am proud to tell you one more thing: All the State Chapter and State Conference accounts are now in proper order. This year, for the first time in AOMSI history, all State Chapter accounts and conference accounts have been audited and the audited reports have been submitted to the Head Office.

This is a greatest achievement — and Dr. Abhilasha's contribution is enormous. Probably around 20% from me and others — but 80% of the effort was hers. She continuously requested treasurers — “Please do auditing, please submit the reports.”

Our former President Dr. Bhagwan Das and even Dr. Manikandan Sir also supported, but Abhilasha drove it relentlessly.

Another noble work she has done:

She has raised ₹10,00,000 as donation for our OMFS Foundation for philanthropic activities — many people do not know about it — but it's a great contribution.

Third: She introduced Active Savings — earlier our savings interest was only 4%. Now, unused money automatically shifts into an Active FD giving 7–8% interest — and comes back instantly when needed. She coordinated with the bank and implemented this. So now we are earning more through interest.

All these achievements happened because of her — so I am very thankful to have such a great colleague.

Now, regarding Dr Jimson — I know him for more than a couple of decades. I know his family too. He is definitely going to rock.

He can approach anyone anytime. Now the audi-

tor is there, accountant is there, GST consultant is there — probably a couple of new accounts he has to open like a Research Account — but most things are streamlined. He will also have a Joint Treasurer. State Chapters are also streamlined now. He doesn't have to worry — if he continues what is already set, that is enough.

Only thing — he has to keep reminding:
“Please complete auditing... submit the report...”
That's it.
So anyway, he is a hard worker

I cleared my MDS in the year 1994, right? My number is 214. So, I have been in the association past 30 years. I have been in academics for more than 30 years. I have organized workshops, conferences, and a couple of national conferences as Organizing Secretary. So I know how important money is.

We may have a lot of plans — but I come from a farmer background. We have a lot of land bank — that's the only thing. We are not into business. My family — none of our daughters — but they are farmers. And now we have come up.

So we value money, and we value people. Background-wise also, we came up with hard work — and we remain hardworking. And we have a single motto:
Be good. Do good. That's it.

Beyond surgery and your work with AOMSI, what are some of your personal interests? How do you unwind and stay motivated?

Apart from my professional responsibilities and my commitment to the association, I do have a couple of personal interests that keep me happy and energized.

Every Sunday, I go for a bike ride — I really enjoy riding. I also play pickleball regularly to stay fit. Fitness is very important to me, and these activities give me a perfect balance between my profes-

sional and personal life.

I believe that life shouldn't revolve only around maxillofacial surgery. When you interact with people from different walks of life, you learn so much more. My biking friends discuss completely different topics, my pickleball group talks about various experiences — and through them, I have made friends from many diverse fields.

That exposure keeps me grounded, refreshed, and always learning. I feel very happy and lucky to have such wonderful people and hobbies in my life.



Karnataka Chapter of **KAOMSI**

Dear Colleagues,

The Karnataka Chapter of KAOMSI successfully released its E-Newsletter on 2nd December, in conjunction with the CDE programme titled “**A Comprehensive Look on Maxillofacial Trauma**”, organised in association with the **Department of OMFS, Rajarajeshwari Dental College, Bengaluru**.

The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from senior faculties across the state as well as Post-Graduate students from various dental colleges. A quiz competition was also conducted for PG students, and mementos were distributed to the winners, adding an engaging and interactive element to the event.



As a gesture of respect and recognition, Senior Oral Cancer Surgeon **Dr. Kumaraswamy Sir** was felicitated by KAOMSI for his outstanding contributions to the field of Oral Cancer.

During his Secretariat address, **Dr. Girish Gowda**, Secretary, KAOMSI, announced that the Karnataka State E-Newsletter will henceforth be released every six months, alongside statewide CDE programmes.

The programme was presided over by **Dr. Venkatesh Anehosur**, President, KAOMSI, and **Dr. Mamatha**, Editor, KAOMSI, along with the presence of other Office Bearers and Executive Committee Members (2025–2026) of AOMSI – Karnataka Chapter.

KAOMSI Webinar Receives Exceptional Response – November 30, 2025

The Office Bearers, EC Members, and Webinar Committee of KAOMSI are delighted to share the grand success of the webinar conducted on 30th November 2025. The session received an overwhelming response, with participation consistently around **120 attendees** and reaching a peak of 124, reflecting the strong academic interest and commitment within the OMFS community.

Participants joined from various parts of the country, including postgraduate students and esteemed senior faculty members. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the delegates for their enthusiastic participation. A special appreciation goes to faculty members who actively encouraged their postgraduate students to attend, greatly contributing to the vibrant academic environment of the event.

KAOMSI remains committed to organizing high-quality scientific programmes, and we look forward to the same cooperation and enthusiasm in all our future webinars.

Warm regards,
Dr. Venkatesh Anehosur
President, KAOMSI

Dr. Girish Gowda
Secretary, KAOMSI

Office Bearers and EC Members
KAOMSI 2025–2026



KAOMSI Webinar Series 2025

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CAREER PATHWAYS FOR INDIAN ORAL & MAXILLOFACIAL SURGEONS IN THE UK

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Centenary Celebration Honouring Karnataka's First Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon – November 11, 2025

It was a matter of great pride for KAOMSI to represent our association at the Centenary Celebration of Prof. Dr. C. G. Raju, the First Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon of Karnataka. The event was held at Government Dental College, Bengaluru, and jointly organized by the Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons – Karnataka Chapter (KAOMSI) and the Alumni Association of Government Dental College, Bengaluru.

As part of the celebration, several distinguished senior maxillofacial surgeons who have contributed immensely to the specialty were felicitated. The honorees included:

1. Dr. Kumaraswamy
2. Dr. Chandramohan
3. Dr. Jayaprakash Shetty
4. Dr. Ghorpade

KAOMSI extends its heartfelt gratitude to the Department of OMFS, Government Dental College, Bengaluru, and to Dr. Girish Giraddi, Dean & Director, GDC, for their warm hospitality and for organizing a memorable programme that truly celebrated the rich legacy of our specialty.

Warm Regards,
Dr. Venkatesh Anehosur
President, KAOMSI

Dr. Girish Gowda
Secretary, KAOMSI

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Kerala AOMSI State Conference

The AOMSI Kerala State Conference held at Palakkad marked a fitting conclusion to a memorable and successful association year.

The inaugural ceremony and the conference was graced by **Hon. Justice Devan Ramachandran**, IAOMS President **Dr. Sanjiv Nair**, AOMSI National President **Dr. Manikanthan**, and AOMSI National Secretary **Dr. Girish Rao**, whose inspiring presence made the occasion truly special.

During the valedictory session, **Dr. Sreejith V. P.** took over as the President of the association, **Dr. Muraleekrishnan M** as the Hon Secretary and **Dr. Sankar Vinod** as Treasurer along with other executive committee members







Tamil Nadu & Puducherry CapeCon 2025



CapeCon 2025

The 17th State Annual Conference of AOMSI Tamil Nadu & Puducherry (CapeCon 2025) was held with great academic spirit in Kanyakumari on 18th to 20th September, bringing together 320+ postgraduates and delegates.

The inauguration was graced by Chief Guest Dr. Devaprasath Jeyasekaran, along with National AOMSI leadership Dr. R. Manikandhan (President) and Dr. S. Girish Rao (Hon. Gen. Secretary). Dr. N. Neela Vishnu and Dr. Jacob Raja joined as Guests of Honour. The Organising Committee was led by Dr. M. Baskaran (Organising Chairman), Dr. S. Subramonian (Organising Secretary), and Dr. K. Arun Kumar (Hon. State Secretary), with exceptional support from Dr. R. Rajesh and Rohini College of Engineering & Technology.

The conference was presided over by Dr. S. Jimson, President, AOMSI TN & Puducherry Branch. The scientific deliberations were enriched by distinguished international speakers:

- Dr. Andrew I. Edwards, UK (Past Vice President, Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Glasgow)
- Dr. Suresh Shanmuganathan, Sri Lanka
- Dr. Charles Kuan Lin, Taiwan
- Dr. Viktor Cheng, Taiwan
- Dr. Sajid Sainuddin, UK
- Dr. Sundar Raj, UK

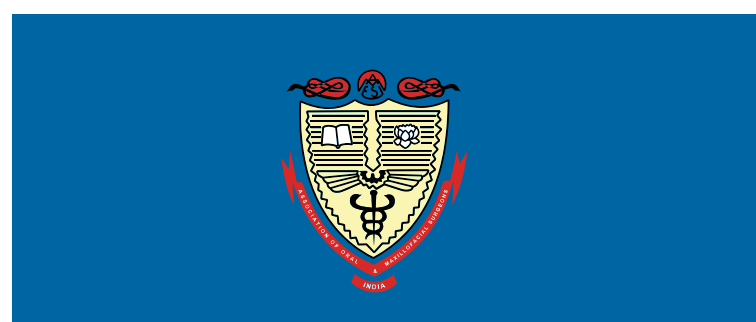
In addition, Dr. Ashish Gupta, President-Elect, AOMSI, & Dr Kannan Balaraman, Hon. General Secretary elect, AOMSI, joined as special invitees.

Scientific highlights included advancements in trauma, orthognathic surgery, oral oncology and reconstruction, TMJ surgery, and digital VSP-assisted surgical planning. The conference also featured the prestigious Dr. B. Srinivasan Oration delivered by Dr. V. B. Krishna Kumar Raja, and honoured Dr. George Paul with the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Key branch initiatives were showcased, including:
Mouth Cancer Care Connect – Oral Cancer Screening Program
Hands-on Workshops on Trauma & OGS
“Ask Your Mentor” – now in its 5th year
MaxFacts – 52 weekly academic bulletins led by Dr. Janani Anandkumar
CapeCon 2025 concluded with renewed commitment to advancing the specialty through collaboration, reaffirming “We don't set standards, we create them.”.



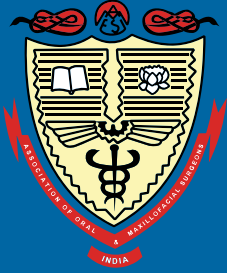
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