

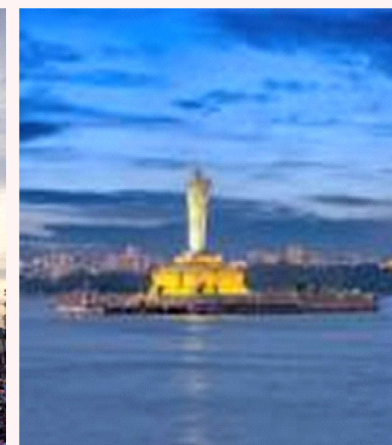
Hotels suggested for accommodation of delegates for TRICON 2026

Name of the Hotel	Address, distance from the venue	Contact Nos
Abode by Venkateshwara	Lakdi ka pul (the venue)	040-23236871
Sree Venkateshwara	Lakdi-ka-pul (adjacent to the venue)	040-23214403
Hampshire Plaza	Lakdi-ka-pul (in front of the venue)	040-23335555
Dwaraka	Lakdi-ka-pul (across the road from the venue)	040-23396261 09440057260
Rukmini Riviera	Lakdi-ka-pul (across the road from the venue)	040-66785566 09246591237
Central Court Hotel	Lakdi-ka-pul (behind the venue)	040-23232323
Best Western Ashoka	Lakdi-ka-pul (close to the venue)	040-23230205
Spearmint Sandhya	Lakdi-ka-pul (5 mins walk from the venue)	09959222892, 09908019204
Anmol Continental	Lakdi-ka-pul (10 mins from the venue)	09954999894
Hotel Quality Inn Residency	Opp Nampally Railway Station, Public Gardens Road Nampally (2 kms)	040-30616161



10th Triennial Conference of Academy of Clinical Microbiologists (TRICON 2026)

August 7–9, 2026



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CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Venue: The 10th ACM Conference (TRICON 2026) will be held at the **Abode by Venkateshwara Lakdi ka pul , Hyderabad** from the **7TH to the 9th August 2026** . It is located conveniently within 5 minutes walking distance from the Lakdi ka pul railways station, 5 minutes from the Bus station, 30minutes from Secundarabad and 15 minutes from Nampally Railway stations respectively and about 23 Kms from the Rajiv Gandhi International Airport. The Lakdi ka pul metro station is located adjacent to the Hotel Abode by Venkateshwara

Language : The official language of the conference will be English.

Weather and climate : The weather in August should be pleasant, after the South West monsoon season has set in Hyderabad. Overall a nice time to be in Hyderabad.

Inauguration : The 10TH ACM Conference (TRICON 2026) will be inaugurated on the morning of the 7th August 2026 at 8.30 am .

Accommodation

Please note that **all delegates must make their own arrangements for their accommodation** during the conference. The delegate fee does not include accommodation. There is a list of hotels mentioned below which are within or at a reasonable distance to the venue of the conference. Delegates are advised to make their own transport arrangements to reach the venue of the conference .

Hotel names, the contact details including the address, contact telephone numbers and an approximate distance from the venue are mentioned below. Delegates are advised to contact the hotels and make their accommodation arrangements early to avoid any problems on account of last minute bookings

Abstracts Information

The last date for abstract submission is 30th June 2026

Abstracts are invited from all delegates attending the conference for an oral or poster paper presentation during the 10TH ACM Conference (TRICON 2026) . The following information regarding abstract presentation may be noted :

1. All delegates presenting a paper (oral/ poster) during the 10TH ACM Conference (TRICON 2026) conference must necessarily be registered for the conference.
2. There will be no extension of date for the abstract submission.
3. It is important that the presenting author of a paper (oral or Poster) at the Conference be a MBBS qualified doctor with or without higher qualification in the field of Medical Microbiology.
4. The abstracts submitted for 10TH ACM Conference (TRICON 2026) must adhere to the following requirements to maintain uniformity :
 - i. The abstract font must be Times New Roman and the font size should be 12. Fonts and font sizes other than this will be rejected and sent back for reformatting
 - ii. The format of the abstract should be as follows
 - a. Title of the paper
(Leave one line)
 - b. Name of the author/s and affiliations
(* Please underline the name of the presenting author)
* Presenting author must be registered for the conference
(Leave a line)
 - c. Aim and Objective of the study
(Leave one line)
 - d. Materials and Methods
(Leave one line)
 - e. Results
(Leave one line)
 - f. Conclusions
5. Abstracts must not exceed 400 words.
6. Please indicate a preference for oral or poster paper at the upper right hand corner of the abstract submitted

7. All abstracts need to be submitted as a soft copy to the E mail id *medhealthcarefoundation@gmail.com* and mark a copy to *rangiyerwork@gmail.com*,

8. The last date for abstract submission is 30th June 2026 Abstract review, selection and publication

1. All abstracts will be peer reviewed by a scientific committee appointed by the conference secretariat
2. An abstract may be selected for oral / poster paper presentation after review by the members of the scientific committee. The decision of the scientific committee would be final
3. The presenting author will receive an intimation from the conference secretariat regarding the acceptance of the abstract for oral/ poster paper presentation by E mail by the 10th July 2026. Hence it is mandatory for the presenting author of all abstracts submitted to be registered for the conference and also send us a valid E mail id for communication . Further information on the oral / poster sessions , date, time and the format etc will be sent out to the respective delegates
4. All accepted abstracts will be published in the conference abstract E Book that will be brought out at the conference.

Faculty List TRICON 2026

International Faculty :

1. Prof Angharad Davies, Professor and Honorary Consultant Medical Microbiology, Swansea University Medical School and Hospital, Swansea, Wales UK
2. Dr. Sanjay Deshpande, Assistant Professor & Attending— Paediatric Infectious Diseases, Section of Infectious Diseases, Baylor College of Medicine, Texas Children's Hospital USA

National Faculty :

3. Dr. Kavita Raja: (President ACM) Prof and Head Department of Microbiology and Medical Superintendent, Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute of Medical Sciences and Technology Thiruvananthapuram
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17. Dr. GirishaKawle : Consultant Microbiology, KIMS Hospital Kondapur Hyderabad
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19. Dr. V. Mangayarkarasi :Professor and Head, Department of Microbiology, Faculty in-charge (Research), All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Madurai.
20. Dr. ShampaAnupurba : Professor Department of Microbiology, Institute of Medical Sciences, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi
21. Dr. Rohitha Chandra : Consultant Clinical Microbiology and Infection Control, Lisie Hospital, Ernakulam
22. Dr. Anuj Sharma : Technical Officer AMR & IPC, WHO India
23. Dr. Rekha Jangam: Consultant Microbiology and Infection Control, Gleneagles Hospital and Agilus Diagnostics Hyderabad
24. Dr. Bhaskar Narayan Chaudhuri, Chief Microbiologist and Sr. Consultant, Department of Microbiology and Molecular Biology, Infection Control Officer, Peerless Hospitex Hospital & Research Centre Ltd. Kolkata
25. Dr. Sangeeta Joshi : Consultant Microbiology and Infection Control, Sahyadri Hospitals (A Unit of Manipal Hospitals) Pune
26. Dr. Anurag Reddy : Consultant Paediatric Haemato-Oncology, Rainbow Children's Hospital Hyderabad
27. Dr. SumitRai : Prof and Head Microbiology AIIMS Mangalagiri
28. Dr. P. Uma Bala Prof and Head Microbiology Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences Hyderabad
29. Dr. Saravana Priya: Consultant Microbiology and Infection Control, Arete Hospitals Hyderabad
30. Dr. Sudha Ranganathan : Sr. Consultant and Head, Blood Centre and Transfusion Medicine, Apollo Hospitals and Health City Hyderabad

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration: All delegates attending the 10th ACM Conference (TRICON 2026) will need to register for the same paying full delegate fees as mentioned below.

The registration fees may be remitted by NEFT payment on the Bank details provided below. Please fill out the google form for registration and upload the proof of payment which will complete the registration formalities.

General Rules for Registration:

- Full payment must accompany each registration form. Forms without payment or with partial payment will not be processed and such delegates cannot be considered to be registered.
- An acknowledgement for delegate registrations received will be sent out within a week of receiving the payment by E mail. Hence delegates are requested to send in a correct E mail address for correspondence. Delegates may contact the conference secretariat if they do not receive an acknowledgement within 15 days of sending the conference payments.
- The registration fees for the conference does not include the registration for the pre conference workshops and CME programme events. Delegates are advised to pay the fees for the respective workshops/ cme events along with the conference payment.
- No delegate will be allowed to register for the Preconference workshops and CME events without registering for the conference. **Registration for the conference is mandatory for all participants attending the pre conference workshops and CME events.**

The Delegate fee includes the following:

- Attendance at all the scientific sessions during the 10th ACM Conference (TRICON 2026) from August 7–9, 2026 and the Conference documentation.
- Attendance at the Exhibition hall and scientific exhibits
- The tea coffee sessions, lunches and dinners as planned for the delegates attending the conference

Please note: Delegate fee of the conference does not include attendance at the Pre conference workshops and CME events.

The Associate Delegate fee includes the following :

- Attendance at the lunches, dinners and tea coffee sessions as planned during the conference.

Please Note: Associate delegates are not allowed access to the scientific sessions of the conference and they will not receive a delegate bag of the conference

Student Delegate fee:

Student delegate fees are meant to encourage full time postgraduate students to attend the conference and present their research work.

- Student applications must be endorsed by a letter from the Prof and Head of department of the institution where the student is registered for postgraduate studies and is currently pursuing the same.
- The letter from the concerned authority and the google form along with the fee payment must reach the conference secretariat together for an easy and fast processing of the delegate registration.
- **Forms without the accompanying letter or certificate from the institution will be rejected by the conference secretariat.**

Spot Registration:

- **There is no spot registration for any of the Pre-conference workshops/ CME events at the TRICON 2026.**
- Spot registrations at the 10th ACM Conference (TRICON 2026) will be allowed subject to availability of places at the time of the conference.
- Please note that all delegates registered as spot registrants will receive the delegate bag and other conference material subject to availability. Preference will be given to those delegates who have registered before the deadline

Payments: The following mode of payment are accepted towards registration for TRICON 2026 (10th ACM Conference).

A NEFT / Transfer to the following account could be made:

Name of the account: Medical and Health Care Foundation

Account Number : **10751101000011**

Bank : **Union Bank of India**

Branch : **Apollo Hospitals Branch**

Jubilee Hills Hyderabad – 500034

IFSC Code : **UBIN0810754**

Cancellation Policy :

- If a written request on E mail for cancellation of registration is received on or before 1st July 2026, the registration fee minus 50% will be returned back to the delegate.
- No requests for cancellation will be entertained after 1st July 2026
- All such requests made before the deadline will be effected within 15days after completion of the conference

REGISTRATION FEES 10th ACM Conference (TRICON 2026)

Category	Early Bird Upto June 15, 2026	June 16 to July 20, 2026	July 20, 2026 onwards & Spot Registration
ACM Members	5000	6000	8000
Non ACM Members	6000	7500	9000
Associate delegate	4000	5000	7000
Student Delegate	4000	4500	5000
Overseas Delegate	250 USD	300 USD	400 USD

- There are no spot registrations for the pre conference workshop and CME events
- Those who wish to avail member's rates, may contact the ACM General Secretary or the website **clinicalmicrobio.org**

All delegates are requested to complete the Google Form (the link is given below), so as to complete their registration. The registration for Pre-Conference Workshop/CME and the Conference can be completed in one form per delegate.

The link for the Google form is:

<https://forms.gle/6FyqQYYERFJWdzvt6>

Tourist Attractions :

In addition to the scientific and learning events associated with the HISICON 2018 Conference, the following are some of the most popular tourist attractions within and around the city of Hyderabad.

Within the city :

- **Charminar** : Four minarets as the name suggests was constructed in 1591, a heritage site and a global icon of Hyderabad city. It is surrounded by a variety of markets, located in the centre of the old city
- **Golkonda Fort** : One of the oldest citadel and forts in South India and was the capital of the sultanate of the Qutb Shahi dynasty. It is located 11 -12 kms from Hyderabad, easily approached by road . The light and sound show here depicts the past .
- **The Qutb Shahi Tombs** : located at Ibrahim Bagh close to the Golkonda Fort , a collection of tombs built during the Qutb Shahi dynasty
- **Ramoji Film City** : One of the most popular attractions of modern day visit to Hyderabad. One of the largest studio complexes in the world with 2000 acres of land. This was established by Ramoji Rao in 1996
- **Birla Mandir** : A Hindu temple made of marble constructed by the Birla Foundation on a 85 mts hillock called Naubath Pahad
- **The Buddha Statue** : located in the middle of Hussain Sagar lake, the world's tallest monolith of Gautam Buddha. Can be reached by boating on the lake. This is coupled with the Lumbini Park that also has a popular light and sound fountain show
- **Shilparamam** : an arts and crafts village located in Madhapur Hyderabad, built on 65 acres of land. The main aim of the village is to preserve traditional crafts with ethnic festivals around the year
- **Chilkur Balaji Temple** : A popular temple dedicated to Lord Balaji located at the outskirts of Hyderabad.
- **The Statue of Unity (Ramanujam)** : A popular destination at a short distance from Hyderabad city that depicts the various facets of Vaishnavite culture and forms of the lord

TRICON 2026

National Conference of the Academy of Clinical Microbiologists (ACM)

Day 1: Friday, August 7, 2026

Time	Programme (Hall A)	Programme (Hall B)
08.00 am	Registration for the conference	
08.30 am – 09.15 am	Inauguration	
09.20 am – 10.00 am	Presidential Oration	
10.00 am – 10.30 am	TEA BREAK	
10.30 am – 11.15 am	The ACM Oration	
11.15 am – 12.25 pm	Symposium – 1	
	Viral Infections and Atypical pneumonia	
	a. Influenza over the last 2 years- Did we just see a terrible outbreak ?- Dr.Aruna Poojary Breach Candy Hospital Mumbai	
	b. Mycoplasma Infections – 2025, Has it been benign or malignant? – Dr. Venkat Ramesh Apollo Hospitals & Health City Hyderabad	
	c. Viral Gastroenteritis : An Overview – Dr. Jyothilakshmi Mudaliar, GMC Jangaon, Telangana	
		Dr. Kavita Raja – Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute, Trivandrum
		Speaker and Topic to be confirmed Symposium – 2
		Tropical Infections :
		a. Antimicrobial Resistance and Management of Enteric Fever in the 2020's - Dr.Shivapriya Easwaran, KIMS Hospital, Hyderabad
		b. Dengue Fever – Experience over the last 5 years- Dr.Vijendra Kawle, Rainbow Children's Hospital Hyderabad
		c. Ocular Infections in the Tropics: An Overview - Dr. Sai Shruti Iyer, Sankara Eye Foundation, Hyderabad

12.30 pm – 01.15 pm	Key Note Address	Prof Angharad Davies Swansea Medical School, Swansea, Wales UK
01.15 pm – 02.00 pm	LUNCH	
02.00 pm – 03.00 pm	Free Oral Paper	
03.00 pm – 04.00 pm	General Body Meeting	
04.00 pm – 04.15 pm	TEA BREAK	
04.15 pm – 05.30 pm	Symposium – 3	
	Bone and Joint Infections :-	
	a. Challenges in the diagnosis and management of Gram positive Prosthetic Joint Infections – Prof Uma Sekar, SRMC Chennai	
	b. Childhood Bone and Joint Infections – How much is the burden ?- Dr. Sheetal Sancheti Sanchi Institute of Orthopaedics, Pune	
		Prof Angharad Davies Swansea Medical School, Swansea, Wales UK
		LUNCH
		Poster paper session
		TEA BREAK
		Symposium – 4
		Critical Care Infections :
	a. Rapid and advanced Microbiology in Critical Care – Dr. GirishaKawle, KIMS, Kondapur, Hyderabad	
	b. Infection control bundles in critical care – How could we use them optimally ?– Dr. Shuba Piramanayagm- Dr. Rela Institute of Liver Diseases, Chennai	

Day 2: Saturday, August 8, 2026

Time	Programme (Hall A)	Programme (Hall B)
08.00 am – 09.00 am	Quiz Prof Mabel Legori Memorial Quiz	
09.00 am – 09.30 am	<p>Symposium – 5 Mycobacterial Infections of Childhood :</p> <p>a. Newer management options for TBM in Children – Dr. Sanjay Deshpande, Texas Children’s Hospital & Baylor College of Medicine USA (Online)</p> <p>b. Optimising diagnosis of Tuberculosis Its Impact on management – Dr. Mangayarkarasi, AIIMS Madurai</p> <p>TEA BREAK</p> <p>Key Note address Addressing AMR in the Future.</p> <p>Symposium – 7 How do I?</p> <p>a. Understand and Interpret ECOFF’S in daily work – Dr. Rekha Jangam Rao, Agilus Diagnostics and Gleneagles Hospitals, Hyderabad</p> <p>b. Face challenges in testing BL/ BLI Combinations – Dr. Bhaskar Narayan Chaudhuri, Peerless Hospitex Hospital and Research Centre Ltd., Kolkata</p>	<p>Symposium – 6 Skin and Soft tissue Infections :</p> <p>a. NTM Infections and SSTI. – Dr. Shampa Anupurba IMS BHU Varanasi (Benaras)</p> <p>b. Diabetic foot infections – what’s new? Dr. Rohitha Chandra, Lisie Hospital, Ernakulam</p> <p>TEA BREAK</p> <p>Dr. Anuj Sharma, WHO India New Delhi (TO CONFIRM)</p> <p>Symposium – 8 Concerns of the day !!</p> <p>a. Incorporate AI in Infection control – Dr. Sangeeta Joshi, Sahyadri Hospitals (Unit of Manipal Hospitals), Pune</p> <p>b. Define BSI & CVC related infections in HSCT – Dr. Anurag Reddy, Rainbow Children’s Hospital Hyderabad</p>
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02.00 pm – 03.00 pm		
03.00 pm – 03.45 pm		
03.45 pm – 05.00 pm		
05.00 pm		
07.00 pm		

Day 3: Sunday, August 9, 2026

Time	Programme (Hall A)
08.00 am – 09.30 am	<p>Special Lectures (Hot Topics)</p> <p>a. Implementing Respiratory molecular panels in patient care – Dr. Saravana Priya, Arete Hospitals Hyderabad</p> <p>b. Preventing ECMO Infections- Dr. J. Jayalakshmi, KMCH Coimbatore</p> <p>c. Emerging Infectious Agents in Blood Transfusion – Dr. Sudha Ranganathan, Apollo Hospitals & Health City Hyderabad</p> <p>TEA BREAK</p>
09.30 am – 10.00 am	Public Health & Infection Control
10.00 am – 12.00 Noon	<p>a. Public Health Microbiology- Practical applications of epidemiological markers and tools - Dr. Sangeeta Joshi , Sahyadri Hospitals (Unit of Manipal Hospitals) Pune</p> <p>b. Interactive Real Cases in Outbreaks in the Hospital & Community Dr. Sumit Rai, AIIMS Mangalagiri</p> <p>Dr. Sangeeta Joshi , Manipal-Sahyadri Hospitals, Pune</p>
12.00 Noon – 12.45 pm	Valedictory Function
12.45 pm	LUNCH & Disperse

**The 10TH ACM Conference (TRICON 2026)
PRE-CONFERENCE CME / WORKSHOPS**

Title of the Workshop CME	Organiser/ Contact Faculty	Venue	Details/ Highlights	Date	Fees INR
CME- Advancing the Fight against Tuberculosis	Dr. Pavani Nimmala Dr. Jaya Banerjee	Yashoda Hospitals Secunderabad	Focus: Advancing the Fight against Tuberculosis: Lab Diagnosis	Aug 6, 2026	2500
Capacity – 70-80 delegates					
Workshop : ABC of ANA- Decoding	Dr. Safa Muneer Ahmed Dr. Geetanjali Mohandas	Tenet Diagnostics Banjara Hills	Focus: To make ANA interpretation simple, more structured and clinically meaningful for Clinical Microbiologists	Aug 6, 2026	3000
Capacity – 20 delegates					
MD/DNB Practical Examination – A Clinically relevant one	Dr. Ranganathan Iyer Dr. Vijendra Kawle	Rainbow Children’s Hospital, Banjara Hills	Focus: Have an Examination pattern that is clinically relevant in modern day practice	Aug 5-6, 2026	4000
Capacity - 25 delegates					