



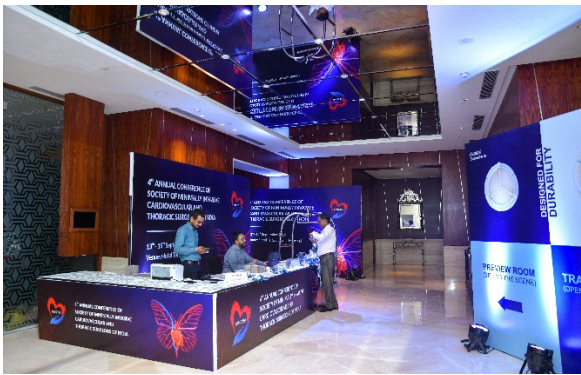


## Brief Report of SMICTSI 2019

Society of Minimally Invasive Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgeons of India (SMICTSI) was constituted with the aim of creating a national level platform to discuss, learn and direct exchange of technology, techniques and new ideas amongst leading cardiac

surgeons with tremendous experience in the field of minimally invasive cardiovascular and thoracic surgery in India and all over the world. The Annual Conference is usually held in the month of September, the first of which was held at New Delhi in 2016. The conference is useful to young cardiothoracic surgeons embarking on a MICS program as well as senior surgeons wishing to expand their expertise.

The 4th Annual Conference of Society of Minimally Invasive Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgeons of India was held at Hotel Taj Santacruz, Mumbai, India from 13th to 15th September 2019. The theme of the conference was "Master the Craft". Dr. Anvay Mulay was the Organizing Chairman. With 11 renowned International faculty and over 40 National faculty the Conference was a great academic feast. It was attended by over 300 delegates from all over India and few delegates from SAARC countries as well.





## Day 1

The first day was a live operative workshop on 13th September 2019. About 7 live cases were performed at the Fortis Hospital, Mulund and beamed live to the auditorium. The cases performed included an ideal mix of coronary artery bypass grafting, aortic valve replacement, mitral repair and the latest cutting-edge technique of percutaneous valve replacement (TAVI). The workshop was attended by 175 delegates and was well appreciated by one and all.





A training village was setup in the evening with several breakout hands-on live sessions which were mentored by senior faculty. The evening ended with a faculty dinner.



## Day 2

The annual general body meeting of SMICTSI was held at 6.30 am on 14<sup>th</sup> September.

The main conference started at 8 am after the GBM. The pre-lunch sessions were dedicated to aortic and mitral valve surgical techniques. These included didactic lectures, live in a box videos and interactive discussions. The post lunch session was focused on the latest minimally invasive techniques for coronary artery bypass grafting. There was also a special webinar with a faculty from Netherlands.



The official inauguration ceremony of the conference was held in the evening at 6 pm in the main conference hall. The chief guest for the inauguration was Dr YS Rajan former chief of ISRO whose words were inspiring for one and all.



Dr Devendra Saksena and Dr KM Cherian, two of the most senior surgeons of our fraternity, were bestowed upon with lifetime achievement awards by the society. The evening ended with an entertaining performance by a drums group and official gala dinner.





### **Day 3**

The final day of the conference on 15<sup>th</sup> September was a half day session, so that delegates could leave for their respective home destinations well in time to get back to their weekly routine. There were two dedicated sessions, one on TAVI and the other on anesthesia aspects to MICS. A vote of thanks was given by the treasurer, Dr Bijoy Kutty. The conference ended with lunch and happy memories.