

41st Annual Conference of the Indian Rheumatology Association (West Bengal Branch)

Topic

Speaker

Chairperson

March 7th – 8th, 2026

Venue: Rangmanch at Raj Kutir, Swabhumi, Kolkata

A two-day professional conference featuring a full schedule of academic and networking sessions

Located in the Swabhumi complex of Kolkata, providing a premium setting for medical discourse.

THE "YEAR IN REVIEW" SERIES

Comprehensive Clinical Updates

Dedicated sessions reviewing the latest advancements in RA, SpA, Lupus, Immunology, Myositis, and Osteoarthritis.

Specialized Focus Areas

Expert reviews on Paediatric Rheumatology, Sjogren's disease, and Systemic Sclerosis (SSc).

Dynamic Clinical Debates

Engaging sessions debating whether OA is a systemic disease and the optimal timing for NINTEDANIB in CTD ILD.

Expert-Led Panel Discussions

Multidisciplinary panels focusing on Ustekinumab, Upadacitinib, and managing APS in pregnancy.

Cutting-Edge Science

Exploration of immune reprogramming through CAR T-cell and BiTE therapy in autoimmune rheumatic diseases (AIRD).

AWARDS AND COMPETITIONS

Dr. Amiya Kumar Kundu Gold Medal

A competitive oral paper presentation session showcasing six researchers vying for the prestigious branch award.

The PG Quiz

A two-stage competition (Preliminary and Final) designed specifically for post-graduate medical students.

WBBIRA 2026 Spotlight: The Oral Papers Session



**Sunday, March 8th
at 10:00 AM**

The session serves as the primary morning event on the second day of the conference.

Session Logistics & Format



6x (8+2) Presentation Format

Features six oral presentations, each consisting of 8 minutes of speaking and 2 minutes of Q&A.



Prestige & Recognition

This distinguished academic award is the central honor associated with the Oral Papers session.



CHALLENGE YOUR KNOWLEDGE

THE PG QUIZ AT WBBIRA 2026



EVENT LOGISTICS

**SUNDAY, 8TH MARCH
2026 | 02:00 PM**

Mark your calendars for this afternoon showdown on the final day of the conference.



RANGMANCH AT RAJ KUTIR

Located at Swabhumi, Kolkata, providing a grand stage for the competition.

TWO COMPETITIVE STAGES

Participants will battle through the Preliminary round to reach the high-stakes FINAL.

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QUIZ LEADERSHIP

LED BY EXPERT CLINICIANS

This session is conducted by Dr. Selim Mondal (8584029536) and Dr. Koushik Mukherjee (9681303730)



41ST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Hosted by the West Bengal Branch of the Indian Rheumatology Association.

SCAN & PAY



ATTRACTIVE CASH PRIZES ALONG WITH MEDALS

Paper Presentation (original works / case series)

Time: 7 mins for presentation & 3 mins for discussion

Last Date of Submission: 4th March, 2026 | Email: irawbchapter@gmail.com

Contact: Dr. Debanjan Roychowdhury (8017139255)

PG Quiz with Attractive Cash Prizes | Contact: Dr. Koushik Mukherjee (9681303730)

Each team will be of 2 participants | Prelims will be at forenoon & Finals will be at afternoon

Conference Registration: Rs 1500 for delegates /500 for PGT/ PDTs. **Complimentary for PGTs participating in quiz/paper/poster**

Registration open till 5th March 2026 | No provision for spot registration

Payment to be made to - A/c Name: **West Bengal Branch of Indian Rheumatology Association**

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41st ANNUAL CONFERENCE, 7th & 8th March, 2026,
Rangmanch at Raj Kutir, Swabhumi, Kolkata

Day 1 : 7th March - Saturday

Time	Topic	Speaker	Chairperson
09:00am	Registration & Tea		
09:45AM	Welcome and introduction	Dr. Sarbani R Sengupta Dr. Partha Sarkar Dr. R N Halder	
10:00AM	RA : Year in Review	Dr Sonali Dey	Dr. Kaushik Basu Dr. Rathindra Nath Halder
10:20AM	Flying solo: recognising and treating single organ vasculitis	Dr. Arghya Chattopadhyay	Dr. Kripasindhu Gatait Dr. Paramita Bhattacharyya
10:40AM	SSC -Year in review	Dr. Debaditya Roy	Dr. Geetabali Sircar Dr. Dibyendu Mukherjee
11:00AM	Precision medicine in CTD : Time to rethink strategies	Dr Debanjan Roychowdhury	Dr. Nitai Bhattacharyya Dr. Partha Sarkar
11.20 AM	SpA : Year in Review : New imaging, newer drugs	Dr. Kaustav Bhowmick	Dr. Krishna Ray Basu Dr. Nabanita Chakraborty Dr. Sumantra Mondal
11.40 AM	Applying ACR guidelines to childhood onset Lupus	Dr. Suparna Guha	Dr. S R Pal Dr. Priyanka Pal
12:00 NOON	Lupus: year in Review	Dr. Angan Karmakar	Dr. T K Bhoumik Dr. Saikat Dutta
12.20 PM	APS – controversies in seronegative APS	Dr. Ritasman Baisya	Dr. P P Mukherjee Dr. Shyamashis Bandyopadhyay
12.40 PM	PANEL Discussion on Ustekinumab	Dr. Nilendu Sarma Dr. Abhishek De Dr. Mavidi Sunil Kumar Dr. Gautam Raj Panjabi	Moderator : Dr. Dipendra Nath Ghosh
01:10PM	LUNCH		
01:50 PM	Low dose corticosteroids in Lupus: final verdict	Dr. Prasanta Padhan	Dr. R.N. Sarkar Dr. Udas Ghosh
02.10 PM	Year in review: Immunology	Dr. Vikas Agarwal	Dr. Parasar Ghosh Dr. Bodhisatwa Choudhuri
02.30 PM	Brain fog in CTD : Myth or reality	Dr. Harsh Jain	Dr. Bhaskar Ghosh Dr. Shyamashis Das
02:50 PM	Debate : OA is a systemic disease	For : Dr. Sashwat Swayang Siddha Tarenia Against : Dr. Neel Limaye	Moderator : Dr. Biswadip Ghosh
03:20PM	JIA with short + stature : evaluation & approach	Dr. Sayan Mukherjee	Dr. Archan Sil Dr. Partha Ghorai
03:40 PM	Myositis : Year in review	Dr. Koushik Mukherjee	Dr. Sobhan Biswas Dr. Hiranmanik Sit Dr. Atanu Pal

04:00 PM	TEA BREAK		
04.20 PM	Interpretating histopathology in Myositis	DR. Soutrik Das	Dr Uttara Chatterjee Dr. Sudipta Roy
04.40 PM	OA – Year in review	Dr. Kintali Pradeep Kumar	Dr. Rajesh Pramanik Dr. Partha Pratim Das
05:00 PM	Debate : NINTEDANIB in CTD ILD: ASAP or wait & decide	For : Surajit Chatterjee Against: Dr. Israrul Haque	Moderator: Dr. Somenath Kundu
05:30PM	Sarcoidosis – Treating sarcoid beyond lungs	Dr. Pradip Sarma	Dr. Saumen Kr. De Dr. Sanjoy Kr. Dhar
05.50 PM	President oration		
06:30PM	GBM		
07:00 PM	INAUGURATION		
07:30PM	DINNER		

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Day 2 : 8th March - Sunday

Time	Topic	Speaker	Chairperson
09:00AM	Tea		
10:00AM	ORAL PAPERS 6x (8+2) Dr. Amiya Kumar Kundu gold medal award		Dr. M K Roy Dr. Soumitra Ghosh Dr. Udas Ghosh
11:00 AM	Year in Review : paediatric rheumatology	Dr Sanjib Mondal	Dr. Jyotirmoy Pal Dr. Rakesh Mondal
11:20AM	When to suspect Immuno deficiency / PID in adults	Dr. Suprit Basu	Dr. T K Sabui Dr. Suparna Guha
11:40AM	Year in review: Sjogren disease	Dr. Selim Mondal	Dr. G D Choudhury Dr. Dipankar Sircar
12:00 NOON	Panel discussion on Upadacitinib	Panelists: Dr. Soumya Dey Dr. Kaustav Mitra Dr. Sourav Pradhan	Moderator: Dr. Parthajit Das
12.30 PM	Reprogramming immunity: CAR T cell & BiTE in AIRD	Dr. Shilpak Chatterjee	Dr. Vikas Agarwal
12.50 PM	PANEL discussion: Manoeuvring APS in pregnancy	Panellist : Dr. Chaitali Datta Ray Dr. Sukdev Manna Dr. Rashmi Roongta	Moderator : Dr. Debanjali Sinha
01:20PM	LUNCH & Poster viewing session	Dr. G D Chowdhury Dr. Partha Ghorai Dr. Sourav Pradhan	
02:00PM	PG QUIZ – Preliminary	Dr. Selim Mondal	
	PG QUIZ FINAL	Dr. Koushik Mukherjee	
04:00PM	Valedictory session		