Maha Stroke Summit 2026 – Agenda

Mumbai | 6 March 2026 | Venue: YB Chavan Centre

Time: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

CHAIRPERSON	Dr. Anil Bonde, Member of Parliament – Chairperson, IMPF
CHIEF GUEST	Shri Prakashrao Abitkar, Hon'ble Minister of Public Health and Family Welfare, Maharashtra
MODERATOR	Dr. Uday Limaye, Interventional Neuroradiologist, Lilavati Hospital and Research Centre, Mumbai

Session Flow

Time	Item	Speaker/Lead
11:00 – 11:05 AM	Introduction & context setting	Moderator: Dr. Uday Limaye
11:05 – 11:15 AM	Opening remarks	Chairperson: Dr. Anil Bonde, Hon. MP
11:15 – 11:35 AM	Chief Guest remarks & keynote address	Shri Prakashrao Abitkar, Hon. Minister
11:35 – 11:45 AM	Special address: Clinical evidence in stroke management in India (ICMR & PRAAN study)	Dr. Sangeeta Ravat, Dean, KEM
11:45 AM – 12:05 PM	Brief presentation: Impact of inclusion of stroke treatment under MJPJAY and support needed	Dr. Nitin N. Dange
12:05 – 12:40 PM	Moderated discussion with panelists (2–3 minutes per panelist per question)	Moderator + Panelists
12:40 – 12:45 PM	Closing remarks	Mr. Ravi Valia (Medtronic)
12:45 – 1:00 PM	Q&A	Open house

Panel Discussion | Theme: Advancing Stroke Care: Bridging Gaps and Transforming Outcomes

Panelists

• Dr. Anil Karapurkar, Senior Consultant, Breach Candy Hospital, Mumbai • Dr. Nitin N. Dange, Comprehensive Stroke & Endovascular Neurosurgeon, KEM Hospital, Mumbai • Dr. Rashmi Saraf, Professor, Interventional Neuroradiology, KEM Hospital, Mumbai • Dr. Jawahar Rathod, HoD, GMC Nagpur • Dr. Anand Alurkar, HoD, KEM Hospital, Pune	• Dr. Prithiviraj Jadhav, Kolhapur • Dr. Sagar Oak, Nanavati Hospital, Mumbai • Dr. Avinash Gutte, JJ Hospital, Mumbai • Dr. Batuk Diyora, Sion Hospital, Mumbai • Mr. Prateek Tiwari, Sr. Director, India, Medtronic Pvt Ltd

Context: Stroke is a major public health concern in India, accounting for nearly 7% of all deaths and ranking as a leading cause of disability. Despite advancements in stroke treatment technology that have extended the therapeutic window, significant challenges persist. Delayed diagnosis, limited awareness, a shortage of trained professionals, and inadequate infrastructure for advanced interventions like thrombolysis and thrombectomy remain critical barriers to effective care.

The discussion will explore strategies to establish and enhance stroke centres for timely, effective, and accessible care. Recognising the importance of accessible care, the Government of India has included stroke packages under the Ayushman Bharat scheme, covering thrombolysis, stroke unit care, and thrombectomy.

The session will also address challenges such as delayed patient arrivals, limited understanding of acute stroke therapies, economic barriers, and infrastructural gaps. Emphasising the need for quality care, it will advocate for adherence to protocols amidst the rapid expansion of stroke centres, aiming to drive transformative outcomes in stroke care nationwide.