Society of Antimicrobial Stewardship PractIces (SASPI) in India

Organisational CV & Credentials Booklet

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ABOUT SASPI

The Society of Antimicrobial Stewardship Practices (SASPI) in India is a national non-profit organisation committed to addressing antimicrobial resistance through evidence-based integrated stewardship practices. It functions as a multidisciplinary academic platform promoting the right diagnosis of infectious diseases, preventing them correctly, and rational antimicrobial use across healthcare settings in India, and supports the development and implementation of standardised stewardship frameworks aligned with national health priorities.

Mission Statement

The mission is simple i.e. to practice integrated antimicrobial stewardship for a safe and healthy society. We are guided by values imbibed in scientific methods, cultural sensibilities, diversity, and cooperation. One Health approach, which finds reverberations in 'Vasudeva Kutumbakum' is our approach for activities. We aim at cooperating and working with diverse groups towards handling Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR).

Our Core Values

The SASPI is a prominent professional organization focused on promoting integrated antimicrobial stewardship (IAS) practices. Its primary mission is to disseminate knowledge and practices, and encourage collaboration among healthcare professionals, scientists, and policymakers to tackle the pressing global challenge of antimicrobial resistance (AMR).

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Objectives

1. To share the knowledge about integrated antimicrobial stewardship (IAS) practices in India through conferences, publications, or other educational and research activities. IAS practices include diagnostic stewardship (DSP), infection prevention & control stewardship (ISP), and antimicrobial stewardship (ASP), in separate or combined forms (DIA Model).
2. To promote skills to various healthcare cadres through capacity-building workshops, fellowships, or e-courses, and develop tools/mechanisms for enabling IAS practices in their own working areas.
3. To promote research and innovations in various health sectors for better health-related outcomes by employing IAS practices along with the standard of care.
4. To develop national benchmarks on key indicators of the IAS.
5. To prepare and update regularly guidelines/guidance documents on the same, to establish collaboration with pertinent societies with a one-health approach, to work with other societies at national and international levels for attaining the described objectives, and undertake advocacy to the central and state Governments of India on issues and plans for achieving targets of IAS.

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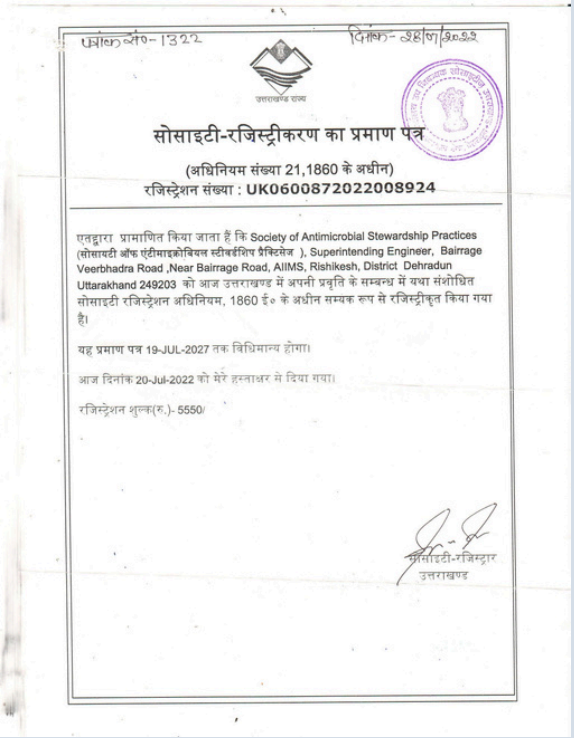
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SASPI Society is a duly registered professional society under the **Societies Registration Act, 1860.** The society was registered with the Government of Uttarakhand on **20 July 2022,** bearing Registration No. **UK0600872022008924.**

SASPI is a non-profit academic body with its registered address at AIIMS Rishikesh, Dehradun, Uttarakhand, and the registration is valid up to **19 July 2027.**



सोसाइटी-रजिस्ट्रीकरण का प्रमाण पत्र

(अधिनियम संख्या 21,1860 के अधीन)

रजिस्ट्रेशन संख्या : UK0600872022008924

एतद्वारा प्रमाणित किया जाता है कि Society of Antimicrobial Stewardship Practices (सोसायटी ऑफ एंटीमाइक्रोबियल स्टीवर्डशिप प्रैक्टिसेज), Superintending Engineer, Bairrage Veerbhadra Road ,Near Bairrage Road, AIIMS, Rishikesh, District Dehradun Uttarakhand 249203 को आज उत्तराखण्ड में अपनी प्रवृत्ति के सम्बन्ध में यथा संशोधित सोसाइटी रजिस्ट्रेशन अधिनियम, 1860 ई० के अधीन सम्यक रूप से रजिस्ट्रीकृत किया गया है।

यह प्रमाण पत्र 19-JUL-2027 तक विधिमान्य होगा।

आज दिनांक 20-Jul-2022 को मेरे हस्ताक्षर से दिया गया।

रजिस्ट्रेशन शुल्क(रु.)- 5550/

सोसाइटी-रजिस्ट्रार
उत्तराखण्ड



आयकर विभाग
INCOME TAX DEPARTMENT

भारत सरकार
GOVT. OF INDIA

स्थायी लेखा संख्या कार्ड
Permanent Account Number Card

ABWAS2509J

नाम / Name
SOCIETY OF ANTIMICROBIAL STEWARDSHIP PRACTICES (SASPI)

18092022

निगमन / गठन की तारीख
Date of Incorporation/Formation
20/07/2022

Permanent Account Number (PAN)

The Society of Antimicrobial Stewardship PractIces (SASPI) in India has been allotted a **Permanent Account Number** by the Income Tax Department, Government of India, confirming its statutory identity for financial and tax-related transactions.

PAN for SASPI was issued on **20 July 2022**, enabling the society to undertake compliant financial operations in accordance with applicable laws.

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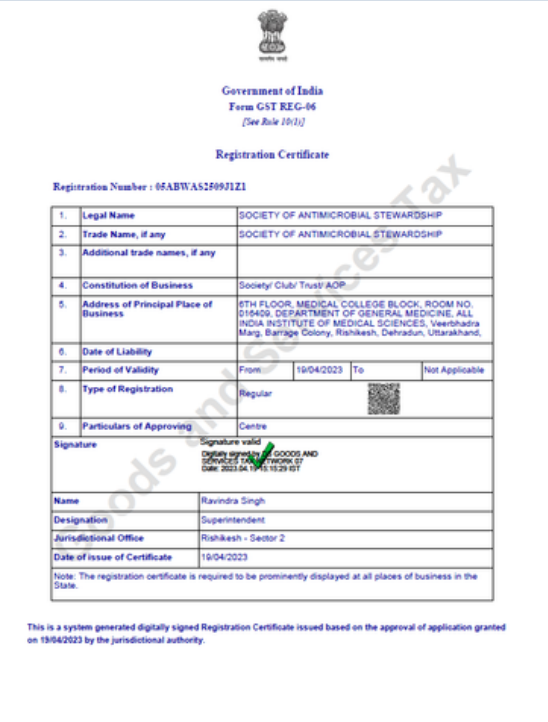
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Goods and Services Tax (GST) Registration

The Society is duly registered under the Goods and Services Tax (GST) Act as a regular taxpayer. The GST registration was issued by the Government of India on **19 April 2023,** bearing **GST Registration No. 05ABWAS2509J1Z1.**

This registration authorises SASPI to carry out compliant financial and statutory transactions in accordance with applicable GST regulations.



Government of India
Form GST REG-06
[See Rule 10(1)]

Registration Certificate

Registration Number : 05ABWAS2509J1Z1

1.	Legal Name	SOCIETY OF ANTIMICROBIAL STEWARDSHIP			
2.	Trade Name, if any	SOCIETY OF ANTIMICROBIAL STEWARDSHIP			
3.	Additional trade names, if any				
4.	Constitution of Business	Society/ Club/ Trust/ AOP			
5.	Address of Principal Place of Business	6TH FLOOR, MEDICAL COLLEGE BLOCK, ROOM NO. 016409, DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL MEDICINE, ALL INDIA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, Veerbhadra Marg, Barrage Colony, Rishikesh, Dehradun, Uttarakhand,			
6.	Date of Liability				
7.	Period of Validity	From	19/04/2023	To	Not Applicable
8.	Type of Registration	Regular			
9.	Particulars of Approving	Centre			
Signature		Signature valid Digitally signed by GOODS AND SERVICES TAX NETWORK GT Date: 2023.04.19 15:15:29 IST			
Name		Ravindra Singh			
Designation		Superintendent			
Jurisdictional Office		Rishikesh - Sector 2			
Date of issue of Certificate		19/04/2023			

Note: The registration certificate is required to be prominently displayed at all places of business in the State.

This is a system generated digitally signed Registration Certificate issued based on the approval of application granted on 19/04/2023 by the jurisdictional authority.



आयकर विभाग
INCOME TAX DEPARTMENT
भारत सरकार
GOVT. OF INDIA

Mar 17, 2024

Ref.No.: 620354700013O4/TAN/NEW

TO,
SOCIETY OF ANTIMICROBIAL STEWARDSHIP PRACTICES (SASPI)
409 DEPARTMENT OF
MEDICINE AIIMS RISHIKESH
VEERBHADRA ROAD
NEAR BAIRRAGE ROAD
RISHIKESH-249203
UTTRAKHAND
TEL. NO.:9868999488

Sir/Madam,

Sub : Allotment of Tax Deduction Account Number (TAN) as per Income Tax Act,1961

Kindly refer to your application (Form 49B) dated Mar 13, 2024 for the allotment of Tax Deduction Account Number.

In this connection, the following TAN has been issued to you/your organisation:

MRTS30699E

Please quote the same in all TDS challans, TDS Certificates, TDS returns, Tax Collection at Source(TCS) returns as well as other documents pertaining to such transactions.

Quoting of TAN on all TDS returns and challans for payment of TDS is necessary to ensure credit of TDS paid by you and faster processing of TDS returns.

The above TAN should also be used as Tax Collections at Source Account Number under section 206CA.

Kindly note that it is mandatory to quote TAN while furnishing TDS returns, including e-TDS returns. e-TDS returns will not be accepted if TAN is not quoted.

This supersedes all the Tax Deduction / Collection Account Number, alloted to you earlier.

Income Tax Department

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Caution : Income Tax Department does not send e-mails regarding refunds and does not seek any taxpayer information like username, password, details of ATM, bank accounts, credit cards, etc. Taxpayers are advised not to part with such information on the basis of emails.

Tax Deduction and Collection Account Number (TAN)

The Society (SASPI) has been allotted a Tax Deduction and Collection Account Number (TAN) by the Income Tax Department, Government of India, under the **provisions of the Income Tax Act, 1961.**

The TAN was issued on 1**7 March 2024**, enabling SASPI to comply with statutory requirements related to tax deduction at source (TDS) and filing of related returns.

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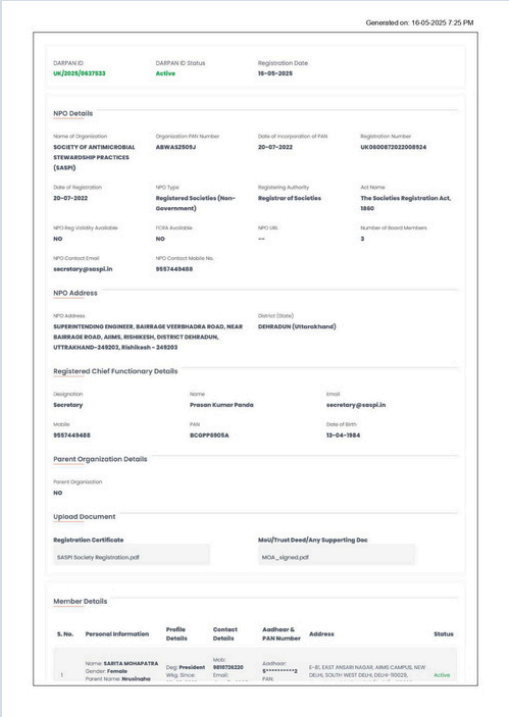
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NITI Aayog – DARPAN Registration

The Society of Antimicrobial Stewardship PractIces (SASPI) in India is duly registered on the NITI Aayog DARPAN portal as a non-governmental, non-profit organization. The DARPAN registration was completed on **16 May 2025,** and the organization holds an Active **DARPAN ID: UK/2025/0637533.**

This registration enables SASPI to engage with government bodies, participate in policy initiatives, and seek eligibility for grants, collaborations, and national-level programs in accordance with Government of India guidelines.



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Name of Organization: SOCIETY OF ANTIMICROBIAL STEWARDSHIP PRACTICES (SASPI)	Organization PAN Number: ABWAS2509J	Date of Incorporation of PAN: 20-07-2022	Registration Number: UK0600872022008924
Date of Registration: 20-07-2022	NPO Type: Registered Societies (Non-Government)	Registering Authority: Registrar of Societies	Act Name: The Societies Registration Act, 1860
NPO Reg.Validity Available: NO	FCRA Available: NO	NPO URL: --	Number of Board Members: 3
NPO Contact Email: secretary@saspi.in	NPO Contact Mobile No.: 9557449488		

NPO Address

NPO Address: SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, BARRAGE VEERBHADRA ROAD, NEAR BARRAGE ROAD, AIIMS, RISHIKESH, DISTRICT DEHRADUN, UTTRAKHAND-249203, Rishikesh - 249203

District (State): DEHRADUN (Uttarakhand)

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Designation: Secretary	Name: Prasan Kumar Panda	Email: secretary@saspi.in
Mobile: 9557449488	PAN: BCGPP9905A	Date of Birth: 13-04-1984

Parent Organization Details

Parent Organization: NO

Upload Document

Registration Certificate	MoU/Trust Deed/Any Supporting Doc
SASPI Society Registration.pdf	MOA_signed.pdf

Member Details

S. No.	Personal Information	Profile Details	Contact Details	Aadhaar & PAN Number	Address	Status
1	Name: SARITA MOHAPATRA Gender: Female Parent Name: Hrushikesha	Desg: President Wkg. Since:	Mob: 9810726220 Email:	Aadhaar: 6**********2 PAN:	E-81, EAST ANSARI NAGAR, AIIMS CAMPUS, NEW DELHI, SOUTH WEST DELHI, DELHI-110029,	Active



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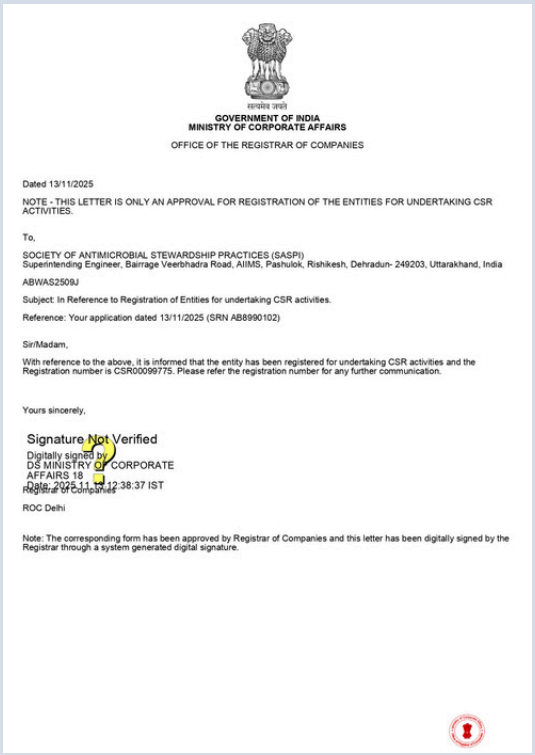
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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS
OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES

Dated 13/11/2025

NOTE - THIS LETTER IS ONLY AN APPROVAL FOR REGISTRATION OF THE ENTITIES FOR UNDERTAKING CSR ACTIVITIES.

To,

SOCIETY OF ANTIMICROBIAL STEWARDSHIP PRACTICES (SASPI)
Superintending Engineer, Bairrage Veerbhadra Road, AIIMS, Pashulok, Rishikesh, Dehradun- 249203, Uttarakhand, India

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Subject: In Reference to Registration of Entities for undertaking CSR activities.

Reference: Your application dated 13/11/2025 (SRN AB8990102)

Sir/Madam,

With reference to the above, it is informed that the entity has been registered for undertaking CSR activities and the Registration number is CSR00099775. Please refer the registration number for any further communication.

Yours sincerely,

Signature Not Verified
Digitally signed by DS MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS 18
Date: 2025.11.13 12:38:37 IST
Registrar of Companies

ROC Delhi

Note: The corresponding form has been approved by Registrar of Companies and this letter has been digitally signed by the Registrar through a system generated digital signature.

Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Registration

The Society of Antimicrobial Stewardship Practlces (SASPI) in India is duly registered with the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA), Government of India, for undertaking Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activities.

The CSR registration was approved by the Office of the Registrar of Companies (ROC), Delhi, on **13 November 2025, bearing CSR Registration No. CSR00099775.** This registration authorizes SASPI to undertake eligible CSR activities in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013.

Income Tax Registration – Section 12AB (Provisional)

The Society of Antimicrobial Stewardship Practlces (SASPI) in India has been granted provisional registration under **Section 12AB of the Income Tax Act, 1961,** as a charitable organization, vide Form 10AC issued by the Income Tax Department, Government of India.

The provisional registration is effective from Assessment **Year 2026–27 to 2028–29**, enabling SASPI to pursue its charitable and non-profit objectives in accordance with applicable income tax provisions.



FORM NO. 10AC

(See rule 17A/11AA)
Order for provisional registration

1	PAN	ABWAS2509J
2	Name	SOCIETY OF ANTIMICROBIAL STEWARDSHIP PRACTICES (SASPI)
2a	Nature of Activities	Charitable
2b	Address	
	Flat/Door/Building	Veerbhadra Road
	Name of premises/Building/Village	AIIMS
	Road/Street/Post Office	Railway Road Rishikesh S.O
	Area/Locality	Rishikesh
	Town/City/District	DEHRADUN
	State	Uttarakhand
	Country	INDIA
	Pin Code/Zip Code	249201
3	Document Identification Number	ABWAS2509JE2025101
4	Application Number	423931730051125
5	Unique Registration Number	ABWAS2509JE20251
6	Section/sub-section/clause/sub-clause/proviso in which provisional registration is being granted	02-Item (A) of sub-clause (vi) of clause (ac) of sub-section (1) of section 12A
7	Date of provisional registration	12-11-2025
8	Assessment year or years for which the trust or institution is provisionally registered	From AY 2026-27 to AY 2028-2029
9	Order for provisional registration:	
	a. After considering the application of the applicant and the material available on record, the applicant is hereby granted provisional registration with effect from the assessment year mentioned at serial no 8 above subject to the conditions mentioned in row number 10.	
	b. The taxability, or otherwise, of the income of the applicant would be separately considered as per the provisions of the Income Tax Act, 1961.	
	c. This order is liable to be withdrawn by the prescribed authority if it is subsequently found that the activities of the applicant are not genuine or if they are not carried out in accordance with all or any of the conditions subject to which it is granted, if it is found that the applicant has obtained the provisional registration by fraud or misrepresentation of facts or it is found that the assessee has violated any condition prescribed in the Income Tax Act, 1961.	
10	The registration is granted subject to the following conditions:-	

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JASPI aims to bridge the gap between research, clinical practice, and public health by encouraging high-quality scholarly contributions from clinicians, microbiologists, pharmacologists, public health professionals, and researchers across India and globally.

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Year of Launch

31st December 2023

JASPI was launched as an official publication initiative of SASPI to support the society's mission of strengthening antimicrobial stewardship and combating antimicrobial resistance through scientific communication.

Scope & Objectives

The journal focuses on a wide spectrum of topics including but not limited to:

- Antimicrobial stewardship strategies and implementation
- Infectious diseases (community and hospital-based)
- Antimicrobial resistance surveillance and policy
- Clinical microbiology
- Infection prevention and control
- Pharmacology and rational antimicrobial use
- Public health perspectives related to AMR
- Case report/series, original research, reviews, guidelines, and expert opinions

The primary objectives of JASPI are to:

- Promote rational and evidence-based antimicrobial use
- Encourage original research and clinical documentation
- Support national and international AMR control efforts
- Provide a credible academic platform for early-career and senior researchers

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Publication Frequency

JASPI is published on a quarterly basis, with four issues released annually.
As of date, Twelve (12) issues of the journal have been successfully published.



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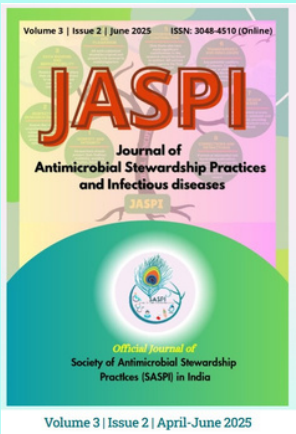
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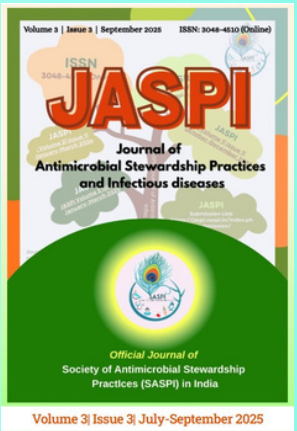
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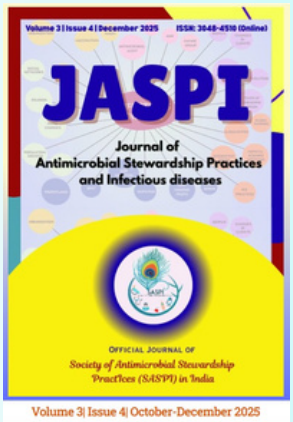
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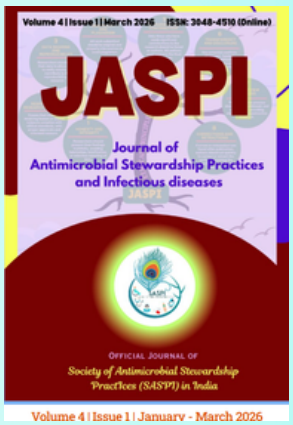
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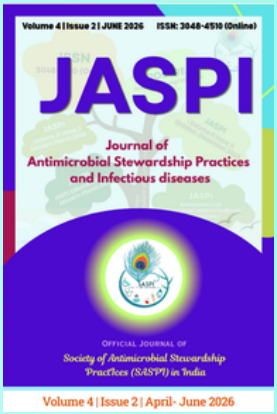
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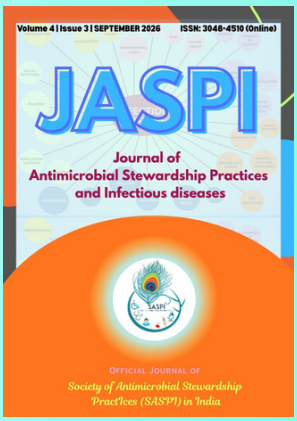
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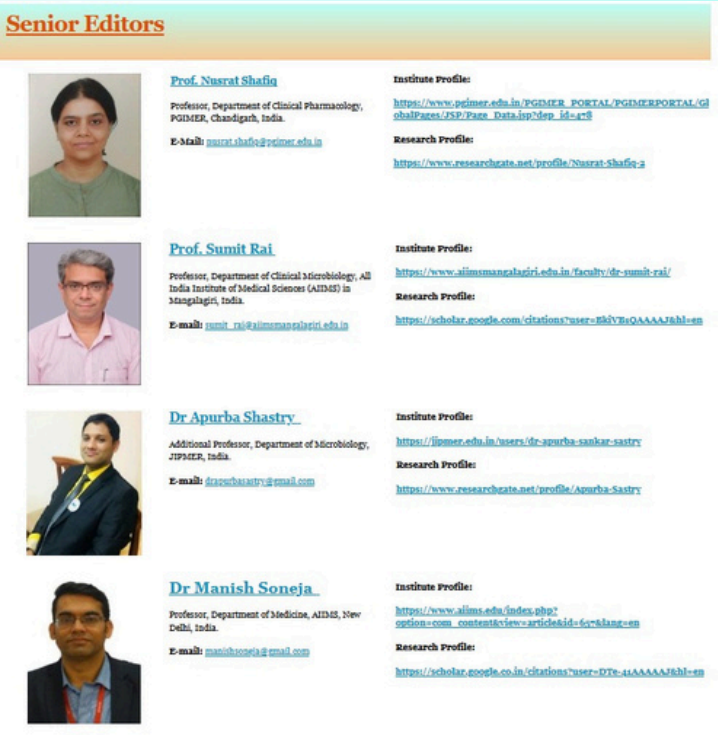
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Editorial Structure

JASPI follows a robust editorial governance model to ensure scientific integrity and publication ethics. The editorial structure includes:

- *Senior Editors*
- *Editor-in-chief*
- *Assistant Editor*
- *Technical Editor*
- *Section Associate Editors*
- *Editorial Board Members*



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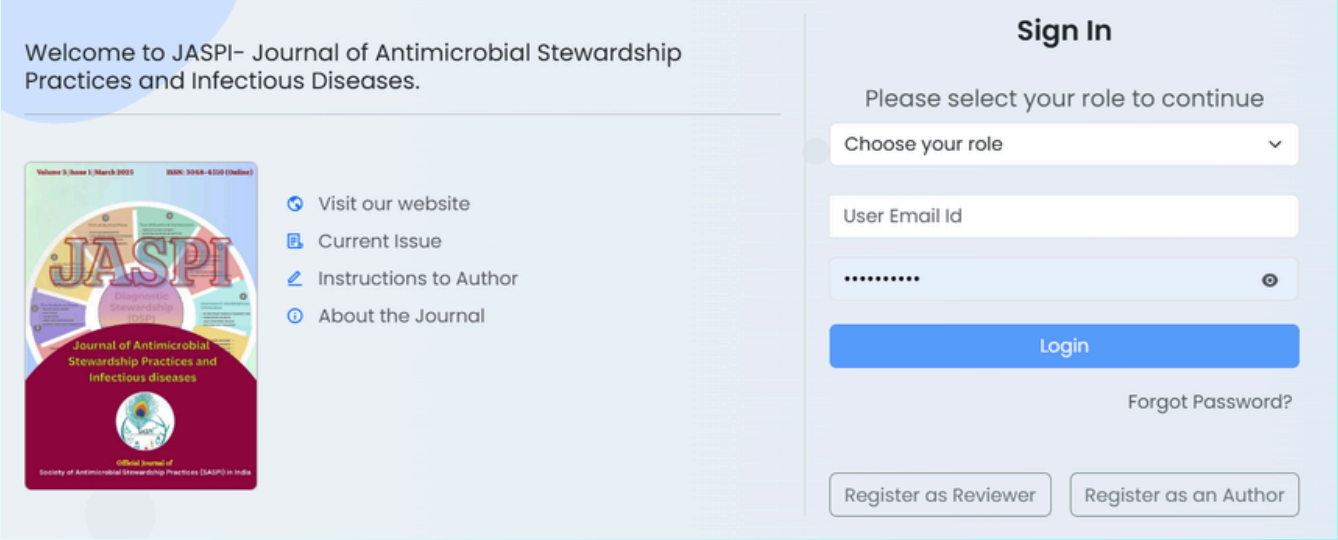
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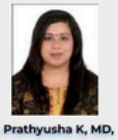


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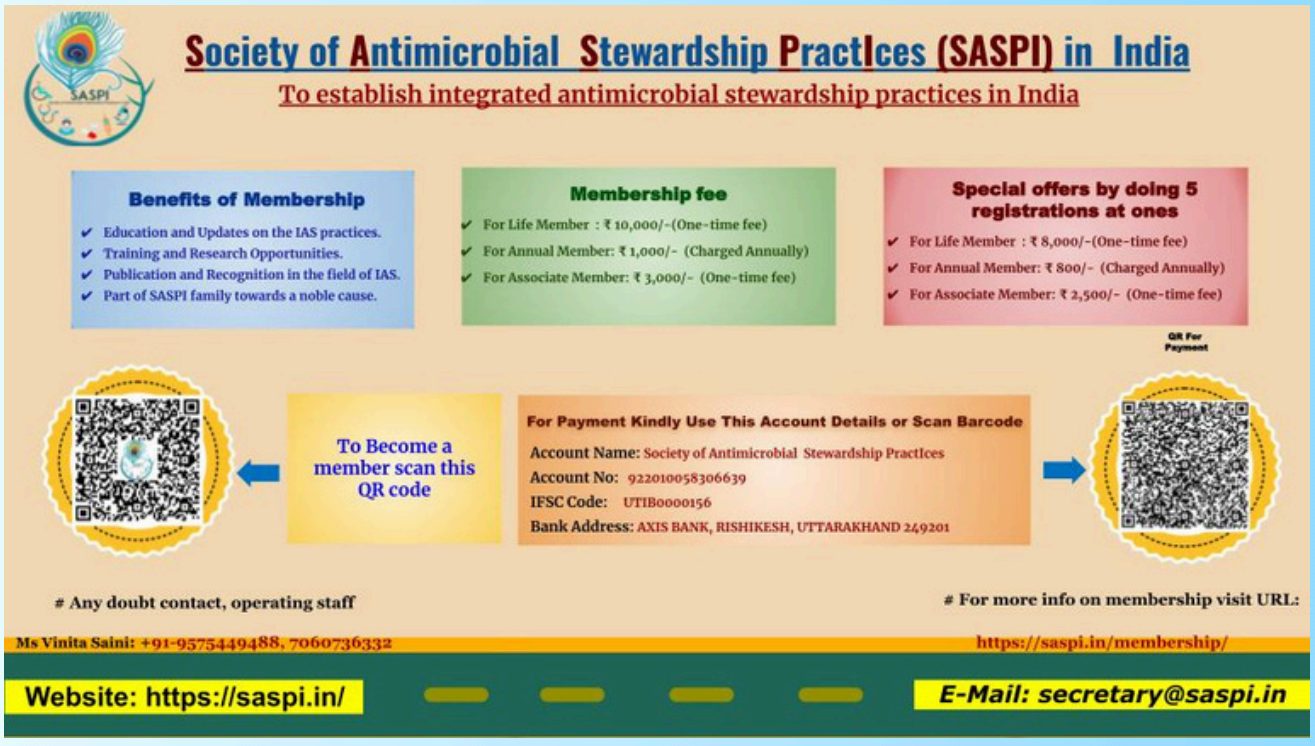
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Membership of SASPI

The Society of Antimicrobial Stewardship PractIces (SASPI) in India comprises a diverse and growing body of healthcare professionals, researchers, academicians, and public health experts dedicated to advancing rational antimicrobial use and combating antimicrobial resistance.

SASPI membership reflects multidisciplinary engagement and nationwide representation, strengthening collaborative efforts in education, research, policy advocacy, and clinical practice.

BECOME A MEMBER



SASPI connects individuals working in the field of IAS and to every human being who is directly or indirectly related to infectious diseases. From antimicrobial resistance to clinical guidelines to the right diagnosis to the right infection prevention, and to be a role model by healthcare professionals: together as SASPI we elevate the IAS practices and we invite you to join in that work.

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TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP

An individual is eligible to become a Member immediately upon completion of doctoral or equivalent training in departments where any form of IAS practices, such as **Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, Surgery, and other clinical departments, clinical pharmacology, & clinical microbiology.** In addition, P**hysicians/Nurses/Pharmacists/ Scholars** without formal training in IAS are eligible for membership if the majority of their professional activities are in the field of IAS. The essential criterion for membership is continuing identification with the field of IAS practices.

Certified members are full voting members of the society. They may participate in and/or chair councils, committees, boards, and task forces and hold elective office. They may nominate an individual for advancement to Fellowship.

Four paid sub-categories of members are:

- **Annual members**
- **Life members**
- **Foundation members**
- **Associate Members**

Annual membership is valid for the account year, April-March. If paid before July end, it will be counted in the same year; otherwise, it will be counted from the next account year. Rs. 1000/- to be paid for renewal or new annual membership.

Life membership is granted to members with a one-time payment of Rs. 10,000/- and includes voting rights, learning benefits from the society, and active participation in the society's work.

Foundation membership is granted to one permanent faculty member at a tertiary care hospital at the discretion of the Board of Directors, with a one-time payment of Rs. 20,000/-; they are given priority for participation in annual conferences, journal publications, and multicentric research.

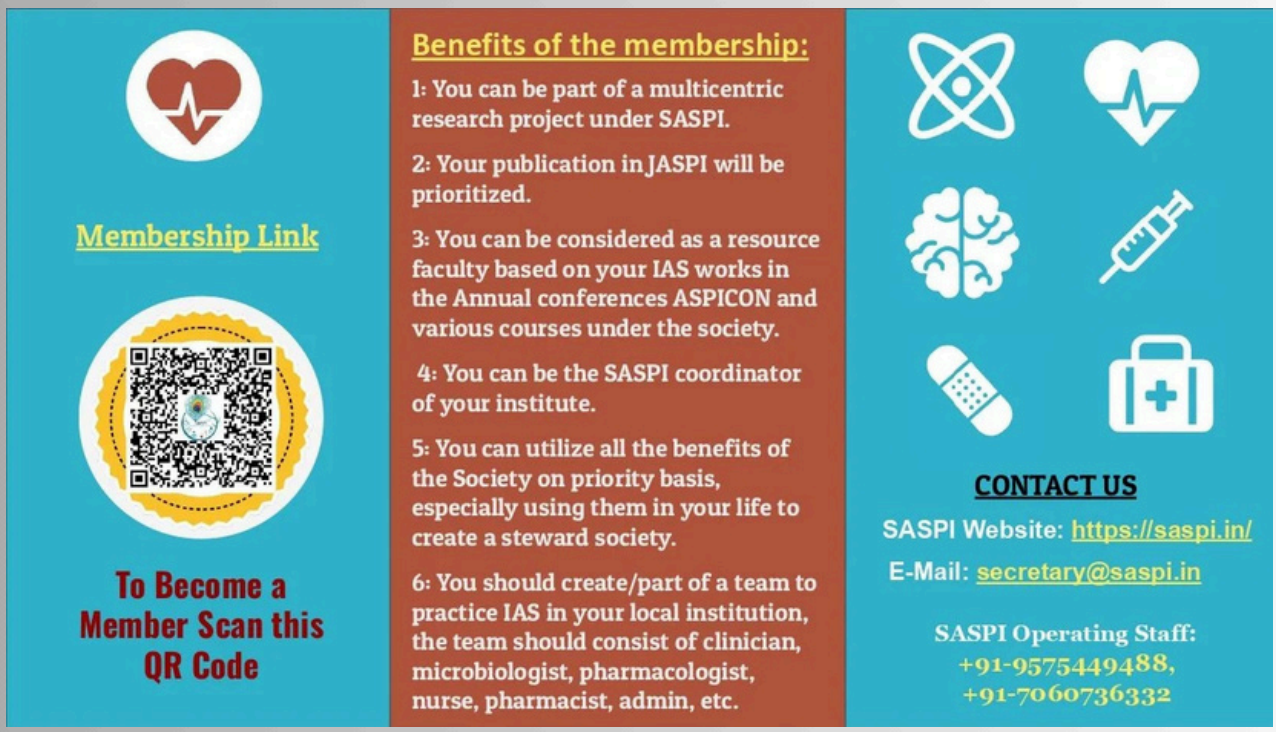
Associate Membership is intended for professionals without a formal medical (doctorate) degree who are actively involved or interested in antimicrobial stewardship–related activities. They are nurses, pharmacists, public policy makers, etc. The membership fee is ₹3,000/-, valid for three years, after which it will be automatically converted into Life Membership, as per SASPI policy.

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Why to Become a Member of SASPI?

Membership in the SASPI offers a unique opportunity to actively contribute to national efforts in antimicrobial stewardship, research, education, and policy implementation. SASPI members form a collaborative network of clinicians, microbiologists, pharmacologists, nurses, pharmacists, public health experts, and administrators working together to combat antimicrobial resistance through evidence-based practices.



Prospective members may apply for SASPI membership through the official membership link or by scanning the QR code provided.

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Member of SASPI by date 05-10-2026

The following section presents the detailed list of SASPI members, categorised according to membership type.

Membership Category	Number of Members
Founder Members	92
Life Members	240
Annual Members	70
Associate Members	28
Total members	430

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Academic & Professional Activities of SASPI

The Society of Antimicrobial Stewardship PractIces (SASPI) in India actively undertakes a wide range of academic, educational, research, and capacity-building initiatives aimed at strengthening antimicrobial stewardship practices and addressing antimicrobial resistance at institutional, regional, and national levels.

SASPI activities are designed to promote knowledge dissemination, multidisciplinary collaboration, evidence generation, and policy-relevant advocacy.

Since its inception, the Society of Antimicrobial Stewardship Practices (SASPI) in India has been organising high-quality academic conferences and scientific meetings to foster multidisciplinary learning, collaboration, and national dialogue on antimicrobial stewardship.



The Annual National Conference of SASPI—**ASPICON** has emerged as a premier academic platform dedicated exclusively to antimicrobial stewardship, infection prevention, rational antimicrobial use, and AMR mitigation strategies in India.

From 2018 to 2025, SASPI has successfully organized **Seven Annual National Conferences (ASPICON)** across diverse regions of India, along with national-level academic competitions and quizzes, engaging clinicians, microbiologists, pharmacologists, pharmacists, nurses, infection control professionals, researchers, and public health experts.

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ASPICON: ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF SASPI (2018–2025)

The ASPICON conferences serve as a flagship academic event of SASPI, featuring:

- Plenary lectures
- Panel discussions
- Symposia
- Workshops
- Case-based learning
- National-level quizzes
- Policy and guideline deliberations

ASPICON 2018 – 1ST ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Key Highlights:

- Inaugural national conference of SASPI
- Formal launch of SASPI's academic mission
- Multidisciplinary participation
- Introduction of national antimicrobial stewardship dialogue



📍 **Venue:** AIIMS Rishikesh
📅 **Date:** 3-4 December 2018

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ASPICON 2018 – 1ST ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE











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ASPICON 2019 – 2ND ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE

📍 **Venue:** AIIMS Bhopal
📅 **Date:** 11-12 November 2019

Key Highlights:

- Expansion of national participation
- Dedicated workshops on AMS implementation
- Clinical case-based discussions
- Strengthened institutional collaborations









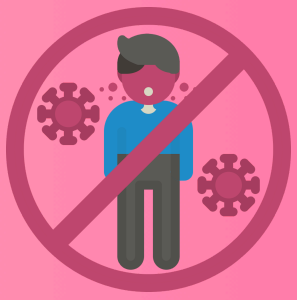
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ASPICON 2020 – CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The 3rd Annual National Conference of SASPI (ASPICON 2020) was scheduled to be conducted in 2020. However, due to the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic, nationwide lockdown, travel restrictions, and public health safety concerns, the conference was formally cancelled in accordance with government advisories and national public health guidelines.



ASPICON 2021 – 3RD ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE

📍 **Venue: AIIMS Patna**
📅 **Date: 03-04 December 2021**

- **Key Highlights:**
- Resumption of in-person national academic activities post COVID-19 disruptions
- Strong focus on antimicrobial stewardship implementation challenges
- Multidisciplinary participation from clinicians, microbiologists, pharmacists, and public health professionals
- High-impact scientific deliberations

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ASPICON 2021 – 3RD ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE













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ASPICON 2022 – 4TH ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE

📍 **Venue:** AIIMS Raipur
📅 **Date:** 12-14 November 2022

Key Highlights:

- Large-scale physical national conference with extensive participation
- Dedicated symposia on stewardship policies, infection prevention, and resistance mitigation
- Strengthening of institutional and inter-society collaborations
- High scientific engagement and networking.







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ASPICON 2023 – 5TH ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE

📍 **Venue:** AIIMS Jodhpur
📅 **Date:** 29 October - 01 September 2023

Key Highlights:

- Expansion of academic scope and research-oriented sessions
- Policy-driven discussions on national antimicrobial stewardship priorities
- Enhanced multidisciplinary faculty and delegate participation









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ASPICON 2024 – 6TH ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE

📍 **Venue:** PGIMER Chandigarh
📅 **Date:** 29 August - 01 September 2023

Key Highlights:

- Strengthening of clinical stewardship implementation strategies
- High-quality scientific sessions, workshops, and case-based learning
- Pan-India participation from academic and healthcare institutions









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ASPICON 2025 – 7TH ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE

📍 **Venue: AIIMS Mangalagiri**
📅 **Date:** 04-07 September 2025



Key Highlights:

- Release of 42 IAS Practice Statements – "Mangalagiri Declaration"
- Landmark national policy contribution by SASPI
- High-level academic deliberations and national collaboration
- Strong multidisciplinary engagement











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UPCOMING: ASPICON 2026 – 8TH ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE

📍 **Venue: AIIMS Bathinda**
📅 **Date:** 08-11 October 2065



Key Highlights:

- Flagship annual national conference of SASPI
- Advanced scientific sessions on antimicrobial stewardship, infection prevention, and AMR mitigation
- Multidisciplinary participation from clinicians, microbiologists, pharmacologists, pharmacists, nurses, and public health professionals
- High-impact academic deliberations, workshops, and policy discussions
- Strengthening of national and inter-institutional collaborations

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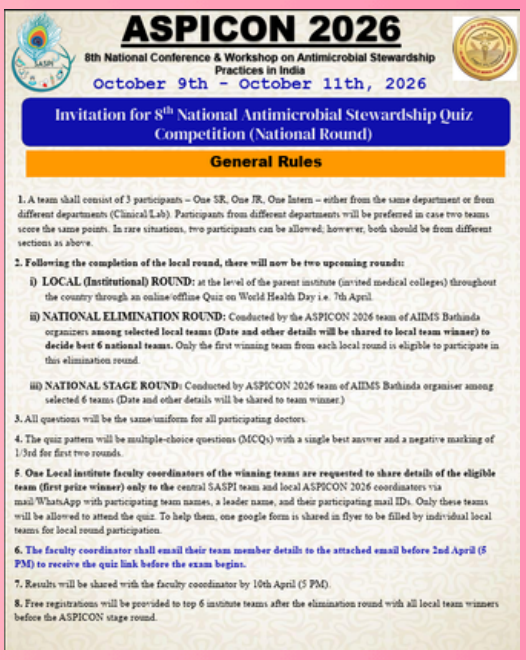
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ASPICON 2026 – NATIONAL INTEGRATED ANTIMICROBIAL STEWARDSHIP QUIZ

As part of ASPICON 2026, SASPI conducted the **National IAS Quiz on 7th April 2026,** focusing on the theme "*Integrated Antimicrobial Stewardship: Connecting Care, Preserving Future.*"
The quiz witnessed enthusiastic nationwide participation from **39 institutes (INI & non-INI)** with a total of **247 teams,** reflecting strong academic engagement in stewardship practices.





Competition Structure:

- Institute-level winners (39 teams) advanced to Elimination Round
- Top 6 teams will compete in the Final Round at ASPICON 2026

🔗 **For More Details**

Detailed information on previously conducted national quizzes is available on the SASPI website:
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WEBINARS & ONLINE ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

The Society of Antimicrobial Stewardship Practlces (SASPI) in India regularly conducts high-quality webinars and online academic programs to promote continuous professional development, evidence-based clinical practice, and national capacity building in antimicrobial stewardship.

These webinars serve as an effective platform to:

- Disseminate updated scientific knowledge
- Encourage multidisciplinary learning
- Facilitate expert interactions
- Promote best practices in antimicrobial use and infection prevention

To date, SASPI has successfully organized Nine national-level webinars, with participation from healthcare professionals across India.





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The webinar series on Nursing Antimicrobial Stewardship is Ongoing

Organized by

NURSING STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE, SASPI

Theme: "Empowering Nurses to Combat Antimicrobial Resistance Through Safe & Rational Antimicrobial Practices"

25 SEP TO 18 DECEMBER 2026 4:00 - 5:00 PM

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1ST ONLINE CME ON SCIENTIFIC WRITING & PUBLISHING

SASPI conducted its 1st Online CME on **"Scientific Writing & Publishing" on 8th November 2025,** aimed at bridging the existing gaps in scientific writing, research communication, and publication ethics.

The CME provided structured guidance on manuscript preparation, journal selection, the peer-review process, ethical aspects of publishing, and effective scientific communication. The interactive sessions, expert lectures, and live Q&A segments enabled participants to enhance their academic writing skills and research output.

This initiative reflects SASPI's commitment to capacity building, academic excellence, and promotion of high-quality research dissemination among healthcare professionals and young researchers.



- **A total of 92 participants attended this CME**
- **The eCertification course is coming soon...**

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HANDS-ON WORKSHOP ON "INTEGRATIVE STEWARDSHIP IN SEPSIS, VAP, AND UTI WORKUP

SASPI successfully organized its:

1- 1st Hands-on Training Workshop on **"Integrative Stewardship in Sepsis, VAP, and UTI Workup" from 1st to 3rd May 2025 at AIIMS, New Delhi.**

2- The 2nd Hands-on Workshop on **"Integrative Stewardship in Sepsis, VAP, and UTI Workup" from 4th to 6th May 2026 at AIIMS, New Delhi, continues the initiative to strengthen integrated stewardship practices.**

This intensive three-day workshop was designed to provide practical, case-based, and workflow-oriented training in diagnostic and antimicrobial stewardship. The program focused on strengthening clinical decision-making, infection control practices, antimicrobial resistance mechanisms, and stewardship strategies through interactive sessions, hands-on skill stations, and expert-led discussions.

The workshop witnessed enthusiastic participation from microbiologists, clinicians, infectious disease specialists, pharmacists, and postgraduate students, contributing significantly to improving bedside implementation of antimicrobial stewardship principles.

1st Hands-on Training Workshop



2nd Hands-on Training Workshop



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TRAINING, CERTIFICATION & DIGITAL LEARNING PORTALS — SASPI

The Society of Antimicrobial Stewardship Practlces (SASPI) provides **structured certificate courses and training modules** to empower healthcare professionals with knowledge and skills in integrated antimicrobial stewardship. These programs support capacity building for stewardship implementation at institutional and national levels

1. ASP (ANTIMICROBIAL STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM) COURSE

The ASP course focuses on comprehensive training in antimicrobial stewardship principles and application. **The curriculum covers:**

- Rational and evidence-based antimicrobial prescribing
- Stewardship implementation strategies
- Prospective audit and feedback
- Formulary management and restriction policies
- Monitoring antimicrobial consumption metrics
- Integration with diagnostic and infection stewardship

Accessible through the SASPI training portal as an online certification program designed for clinicians, pharmacists, microbiologists, and other multidisciplinary team members.

2.IAS FOUNDATION CERTIFICATE COURSE

The IAS Foundation Course delivers in-depth training on the integrated stewardship model, combining key domains that drive antimicrobial stewardship success:

- **Administrative Stewardship:** Governance and policy frameworks
- **Diagnostic Stewardship:** Optimal use of microbiology and diagnostics
- **Infection Stewardship:** Prevention and control of hospital-associated infections
- **Antimicrobial Stewardship:** Rational use and stewardship practices

Participants are equipped with a holistic understanding of stewardship workflows aligned with SASPI's integrated stewardship guidelines, fostering improved patient care and institutional stewardship outcomes.

IAS Foundation E-Certificate Course – Present Matrix	Number
Enrolled / Confirmed Participants	**3,172**
Doctors	1,330
Nurses	1,628
Pharmacists	156
Other Healthcare Professionals	58
Participants with Institutional/Organisational Affiliation	**2,111**

IAS FOUNDATION COURSE

FREE FOR ALL



Access Course Details

https://lms.saspi.in/

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PAID COURSES ARE CURRENTLY IN THE DEVELOPMENT STAGE

We are working to bring a high-quality, needs-based certificate program. Stay connected for updates and early access.

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FOUNDATION COURSES IN COLLABORATION WITH SASPI

As part of its academic outreach and capacity-building initiatives, the **Society of Antimicrobial Stewardship Practices (SASPI)** has actively collaborated with various premier medical institutions across India to conduct Foundation Courses on Integrated Antimicrobial Stewardship (IAS) practices as an induction training to all HCWs. These programs aim to strengthen institutional stewardship practices, promote multidisciplinary engagement, and facilitate structured training of healthcare professionals.

Several institutions have already successfully conducted foundation courses in collaboration with SASPI, while others have initiated formal collaborations through signed Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) and administrative approvals for upcoming programs.

SUCCESSFULLY CONDUCTED FOUNDATION COURSES

S. No.	Institute	State
1	AIIMS Rishikesh	Uttarakhand
2	NEIGRIHMS, Shillong	Meghalaya
3	Maharaja Krishna Chandra Gajapati Medical College & Hospital (MKCG MCH)	Odisha
4	Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, AMU	Uttar Pradesh
5	GMC / GGH Quthbullapur	Telangana
6	N. K. P. Salve Institute of Medical Sciences & Research Centre And Lata Mangeshkar Hospital, Nagpur	Maharashtra

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FOUNDATION COURSES IN COLLABORATION WITH SASPI

INSTITUTES WITH APPROVED/UPCOMING FOUNDATION COURSES

S. No.	Institute	State	Status
1	Institute of Human Behavior & Allied Sciences (IHBAS)	Delhi	Administrative approval obtained
2	All India Institute of Medical Science (AIIMS) Gorakhpur	Uttar Pradesh	Administrative approval obtained
4	All India Institute of Medical Science (AIIMS) Jodhpur	Rajasthan	Consent obtained

These ongoing collaborative foundation courses reflect SASPI's commitment to institutional capacity building, standardized stewardship training, and nationwide implementation of antimicrobial stewardship practices through strong academic and clinical partnerships.

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SASPI NEWSLETTERS

KNOWLEDGE DISSEMINATION & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVE

The **SASPI** publishes periodic newsletters as a key academic and communication initiative to disseminate updates on antimicrobial stewardship activities, research highlights, institutional best practices, educational programs, and national collaborations.

These newsletters serve as a vital platform for knowledge sharing, professional engagement, and visibility of stewardship initiatives undertaken across India in collaboration with leading medical institutions.

To date,**eight (8)** newsletters have been successfully released,

NEWSLETTER – ISSUE 1

In Collaboration with PGIMER



KEY FEATURES OF SASPI NEWSLETTERS

- *Highlights of ASPICON conferences and CME activities*
- *Updates on training programs, webinars, and workshops*
- *Coverage of institutional collaborations & partnerships*
- *Research updates and member achievements*
- *National and global AMR & stewardship updates*

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SASPI NEWSLETTERS

NEWSLETTER – ISSUE 2

In Collaboration with AIIMS Patna



NEWSLETTER – ISSUE 3

In Collaboration with AIIMS Mangalairi



NEWSLETTER – ISSUE 4

In Collaboration with AIIMS Bathinda



NEWSLETTER – ISSUE 5

In Collaboration with AIIMS Kalyani



NEWSLETTER – ISSUE 6

In Collaboration with AIIMS Gorakhpur



NEWSLETTER – ISSUE 7

In Collaboration with AIIMS Nagpur



NEWSLETTER – ISSUE 8

In Collaboration with AIIMS Deoghar



Through its newsletters, SASPI continues to strengthen academic networking, national collaboration, and knowledge translation, fostering a vibrant antimicrobial stewardship community across India.

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COLLABORATIONS & STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

SASPI actively collaborates with leading national and international professional bodies, academic institutions, and research organizations to strengthen antimicrobial stewardship practices, enhance research capacity, and promote multidisciplinary education. These strategic collaborations enable knowledge exchange, joint academic initiatives, multicentric research projects, and development of evidence-based healthcare practices across India and beyond.

Through formal Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) and institutional partnerships, SASPI continues to expand its academic footprint and global engagement.

Key Collaborations of SASPI			
S. No	**Collaborating Organization**	**Year**	**Nature of Collaboration**
1	***International Severe Acute Respiratory and Emerging Infection Consortium (ISARIC), Oxford Univrsty, UK***	2025	International research collaboration, data sharing, and academic partnership
2	***Society of Pharmacovigilance, India (SoPI)***	2025	Academic collaboration, joint symposia, research activities, and conference partnerships

IMPACT OF COLLABORATIONS:

Strengthening antimicrobial stewardship practices, promoting multicentric collaborative research, enhancing academic exchange and training opportunities, facilitating joint scientific sessions and conferences, and supporting policy development and public health initiatives.

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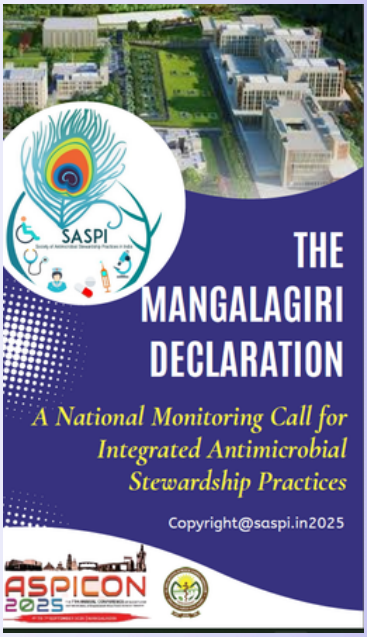
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AIIMS MANGALAGIRI DECLARATION – 42 PRACTICE STATEMENTS

(Integrated Antimicrobial Stewardship Framework for Tertiary Care Hospitals)

RELEASED AT ASPICON 2025

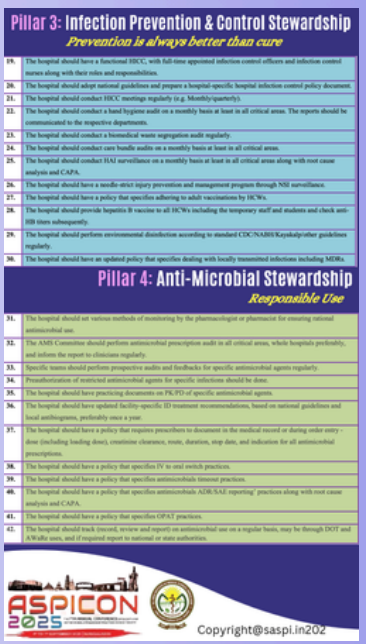
To build a national model for accountable and integrated antimicrobial stewardship.

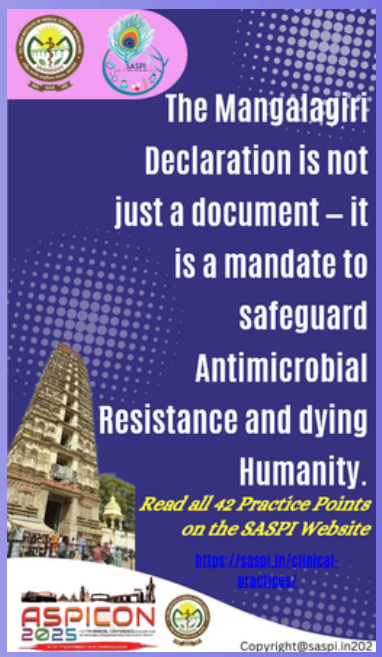












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JASPI 2024 DELPHI STUDY

42 IAS Practice Statements for Indian Hospitals

SASPI, through its official journal JASPI (2024), published a landmark Delphi-based multicentric study establishing 42 Integrated Antimicrobial Stewardship (IAS) Practice Statements for Indian tertiary care hospitals.



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Original Article

Integrated Antimicrobial Stewardship in India: Consensus on Best Practices, Current Baseline, and Identified Barriers

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ABSTRACT

Background: India faces unique challenges in tackling antimicrobial resistance (AMR) due to the high prevalence of infections, irrational antibiotic use, and varied healthcare infrastructure. Integrated stewardship practices are key to combating AMR. This study uses a questionnaire to assess the prevalence and barriers to integrated antimicrobial stewardship across tertiary healthcare settings, proposing actionable strategies for improvement.

Methods: This cross-sectional Delphi survey under the Society of Antimicrobial Stewardship Practices (SASPI) Consortium assessed integrated antimicrobial stewardship (IAS) practices across 31 Indian tertiary care institutions. Using a validated 42-item questionnaire, it evaluated stewardship programs, accountability, prescriber education, laboratory protocols, and infection control. Data were analyzed using SPSS. Practices were analyzed as subcategories-administrative, antimicrobial, diagnostic, and infection prevention stewardships.

Results: 44 responses from 31 tertiary care institutions in India, including 67.7% of institutes of national importance (INI), were analyzed. 61.4% of the respondents were members of their hospital's infection control committee (HICC) or antimicrobial stewardship program (AMSP). The validation of 42 practice statements showed that 41 received over 75% agreement, with adjustments to Practice Statement 6 (72.4%). Key findings revealed poor compliance in a few areas: 29% for assigning pharmacists the antimicrobial utilization responsibility; 13% for OPAT policies, and 29% for having policies dealing with local infectious diseases. INIs reported lower compliance with integrated stewardship practices than non-INIs, possibly due to the involvement of experts who were not HICC/AMSP members in non-INIs. Key barriers were limited resources, inadequate diagnostic facilities, and a workforce in 42% of the institutes.

Conclusion: The study highlights the need for awareness and implementation of IAS practices in tertiary healthcare institutes in India. Addressing this requires the implementation of these practice statements, regular monitoring, resource allocation, training, and collaboration. SASPI can lead to collaboration. Policymakers and institutions must work together to integrate IAS fully, reducing AMR and improving patient outcomes across India.

KEYWORDS: Antimicrobial resistance; Stewardship; Delphi survey; Diagnostic stewardship; Infection prevention



Table 2: Expert validation of IAS practice statements through the Delphi process (Pan-India representations)

1	The institution should have an actively running IAS program, either in whole or in fragments of ICP, DSP, and ACP but with the intention of integration.	83.3%	85.7%
2	The institution should have set accountability levels for various activities of the stewardship committee.	90.0%	82.1%
3	The clinical department should have defined accountability for rational antimicrobial use.	85.7%	86.7%
4	The institute should provide education regularly to prescribers and other relevant staff including patients/public on IAS Practices and institute outcomes for the same	88.0%	80.0%
5	The institute should set various levels of accountability and responsibility on the pharmacologist or pharmacist for ensuring rational antimicrobial use	77.8%	80.0%
6	The institute stewardship committee should review prescriptions of the whole hospital regularly	86.2%	72.4%
7	The institute should perform prospective audits and retrospective feedback for specific antimicrobial agents regularly	89.3%	81.5%
8	The institute should preauthorize the use of specific antimicrobial agents for specific infections	82.8%	80.0%
9	The institute should have practicing documents on PK/PD of specific antimicrobial agents	89.3%	82.1%
10	The institute should have dynamic facility-specific ID treatment recommendations, based on national guidelines and local antibiograms	92.3%	83.3%
11	The institute should have a policy that requires prescribers to document in the medical record or during order entry a dose, delivery, duration and indication for all antimicrobial prescriptions	92.3%	96.0%
12	The institute should have a policy that specifies IV to oral switch practices	92.9%	88.0%
13	The institute should have a policy that specifies Antimicrobials timeout practices	85.7%	85.2%
14	The institute should have a policy that specifies Antimicrobials ADR/SAE reporting practices	85.8%	95.7%
15	The institute should have a policy that specifies OPAT practices	88.0%	76.9%
16	The institute should track, record, review and report on antimicrobial use on a regular basis and if required report to national or state authorities	88.5%	83.3%
17	The Clinical Microbiology Diagnostic Laboratory must be in the close vicinity or preferably in the same hospital premises to reduce Specimen transportation time	95.8%	95.8%
18	The institute should have a fully functional 24x7 Clinical Microbiology Diagnostic Laboratory with competent manpower and signatory authority with Sunday and Holiday reporting	91.7%	92.0%
19	The institute should have guidance procedures for the right investigation, right patient and right time and must ensure the right report interpretation, right antimicrobial and right time	91.3%	91.7%
20	Clinical Microbiology Diagnostic Lab shall ensure that Lab Critical Alerts have been made and a Notification is sent each time any critical result is observed by the lab.	96.0%	95.8%
21	The Clinical Microbiology Laboratory should ensure that all proper protocols of Antimicrobial Susceptibility testing are being followed as per CLSI and or EUCAST	100%	95.5%
22	Clinical Microbiology Diagnostic Lab should ensure The AMR Data Digitalization on WHONET	91.7%	95.8%
23	The institution should have documented Specimen Collection, Storage, Transportation and Processing Protocols and mandatory Culture Collection Protocol as the first specimen to be collected from the patient before the commencement of antimicrobials.	91.7%	95.7%



24	Even though Diagnostic Stewardship can be practised in the absence of Automation, However, the Institute must ensure that at least Automated Culture, Identification and Susceptibility equipment are present that provide MIC values	95.5%	95.5%
25	The institute should Ensure proper supply chain management is maintained so that there is no break in the Diagnostic Services.	100%	95.7%
26	The Lab must have a documented policy to communicate Preliminary Gram stain findings and reports and Test Interpretation must be communicated as early as possible	95.7%	95.5%
27	The laboratory must ensure that Clinical footnotes, interpretation, and knowledge dissemination on Intrinsic resistance are communicated in the report.	90.9%	95.5%
28	Wherever possible the lab should ensure that Personalized AST Reporting, Breakpoint to MIC Quotient based reporting is being performed especially in critically ill patients.	91.3%	90.9%
29	The institute should Ensure a Compulsory Induction Program for Post Graduate Residents, Interns on Diagnostic Stewardship regularly	100%	100%
30	The Clinical Microbiology Diagnostic lab should employ rapid diagnostic tests (RDTs) molecular or phenotypic, for detecting resistance mechanisms so as to provide directed treatment	100%	95.7%
31	The institute should have a functional hospital infection control committee, with full-time appointed infection control officers and infection control nurses.	100%	100%
32	The institute should have a hospital infection control policy document	100%	100%
33	The institute should conduct HICC meetings regularly (e.g. monthly)	100%	95.5%
34	The institute should conduct a hand hygiene audit on a monthly basis at least in all critical areas.	95.7%	100%
35	The institute should conduct a biomedical waste segregation audit regularly	95.5%	100%
36	The institute should conduct care bundle audits on a monthly basis at least in all critical areas.	95.7%	100%
37	The institute should conduct HAI surveillance on a monthly basis at least in all critical areas.	95.7%	100%
38	The institute should have a needle-stick injury prevention and management program through NSI surveillance.	95.7%	91.3%
39	The institute should have a policy that specifies adhering to adult vaccination by HCWs.	95.7%	91.3%
40	The institute should provide hepatitis B vaccine to all HCWs including the temporary staff and students and check anti-HB titers subsequently	95.7%	95.5%
41	The institute should perform environmental disinfection according to standard CDC/Kayakalp guidelines regularly	95.5%	95.2%
42	The institute should have a dynamic policy that specifies dealing with locally transmitted infections including MDRs.	100%	100%

🔬 Study Overview

- Conducted across 31 tertiary care institutes (INI & Non-INI)
- Developed using a structured Delphi consensus methodology
- Involved experts from Infectious Diseases, Microbiology & Pharmacology

📊 Key Output

- The study defined 42 standardized practice statements across:
- Administrative Stewardship – 5 points
- Antimicrobial Stewardship (ASP)
- Diagnostic Stewardship (DSP)
- Infection Prevention Stewardship (ISP)
- These provide a baseline national framework for IAS implementation in India

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ASPIRE II – MULTICENTRIC PPS 2025 PUBLICATION

A multicentric survey on antimicrobial use and hospital acquired infections among patients admitted in tertiary care centers in India.

This multicentric Point Prevalence Survey (PPS) conducted by SASPI assessed antimicrobial use and hospital-acquired infections across eight tertiary care centers in India. The study evaluated antibiotic prescription patterns, WHO AWaRe classification distribution, indications for therapy, and resistance trends.



Findings highlighted significant variations in prescribing practices, high empirical use, and opportunities for strengthening antimicrobial stewardship interventions through structured monitoring and feedback mechanisms.

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EVIDENCE SYNTHESIS ON ANTIMICROBIAL DISPOSAL

SASPI has established a structured national consortium to develop evidence-based antimicrobial stewardship frameworks through coordinated academic collaboration and multidisciplinary engagement.

- **DEVELOPMENT OF ANTIMICROBIAL DISPOSAL STEWARDSHIP SOP**

  Formation of a dedicated Evidence Searching Team to synthesize literature and draft a structured Standard Operating Protocol (SOP) for antimicrobial disposal stewardship.

- **NATIONAL MULTIDISCIPLINARY WRITING CONSORTIUM**

  A 25-member academic writers' group contributing topic-wise structured content under centralized leadership to ensure scientific rigor and consensus-driven outputs.

- **DEFINED COORDINATION & GOVERNANCE MODEL**

  Role-based allocation with designated coordinators ensuring systematic workflow, accountability, and efficient execution of consortium objectives.

- **DIGITAL COLLABORATION & DOCUMENTATION SYSTEM**

  Centralized Google Drive framework enabling real-time collaborative writing, version control, transparent documentation, and sustainable communication practices.

CONSORTIUM STRENGTH **25 Active Contributors | 4 Core Evidence Members | 21 Writers | National-Level Academic Collaboration**

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ONGOING MULTICENTRIC RESEARCH PROJECTS AND COLLABORATING SASPI-AFFILIATED INSTITUTIONS

Strengthening National Collaboration in Antimicrobial Stewardship Research

The Society of Antimicrobial Stewardship Practices (SASPI) is actively coordinating multicentric research initiatives across its affiliated institutions in India. These collaborative projects address key priorities in antimicrobial stewardship, infection prevention, diagnostic stewardship, and rational antimicrobial use, fostering evidence generation and nationwide capacity building.

Project No.	Full Project Title
Project 1	Prescription Practices in Acute Febrile Illness and its Correlation with Investigation Results Among Children During the Post-Monsoon Season: A Pan-India Study
Project 2	Surgical Antimicrobial Prophylaxis: Knowledge, Practices and Effect of Educational Intervention – A Multicentric Study
Project 3	A Multicentric Point Prevalence Survey of Antimicrobial Prescription, Antimicrobial Resistance and Hospital-Acquired Infections in Tertiary Care Hospitals of India: ASPIRE-III Study
Project 4	Effectiveness of a Nurse-Led Antimicrobial Stewardship Bundle on Antibiotic Appropriateness and Consumption in Adult Inpatients
Project 5	Efficacy of Immunomodulatory Nanocurcumin for the Possible Treatment of Highly Pathogenic Influenza Strains
Project 6	Assessing and Improving Compliance with Intravenous-to-Oral Switch (IVOST) Criteria: A Multicentric Prospective Study to Reduce Antibiotic Consumption in Semi-Urban Indian Hospitals
Project 7	A Multicentric Methodological Study for the Development and Validation of a Nursing Antimicrobial Stewardship Checklist Using the Delphi Technique

SASPI continues to foster a nationwide collaborative research ecosystem by engaging affiliated institutions in multicentric studies that generate evidence to improve antimicrobial stewardship practices and patient outcomes across India."

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INTERNATIONAL PUBLICATION – IJID (2026)

DEVELOPMENT OF THE PRESCRIBES STEWARDSHIP FRAMEWORK

SASPI experts developed and published the PRESCRIBES 10-Point Integrated Antimicrobial Stewardship Framework in the International Journal of Infectious Diseases (IJID), 2026, providing a structurd and measurable checklist for strengthening stewardship practices in tertiary care hospitals.

Title: An integrated antimicrobial stewardship approach in tertiary care hospitals in developing countries using a multidomain framework ("PRESCRIBES" checkpoint): A call for action

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Perspective

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ABSTRACT

Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) remains a critical global health threat, especially in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). The Society of Antimicrobial Stewardship Practices (SASPI) in India recently published 42 Integrated Antimicrobial Stewardship (IAS) Practice Statements- a unified framework spanning administrative, diagnostic, infection-prevention, and antimicrobial-use domains These statements translate national and global AMR strategies into actionable checkpoints suitable for hospitals in LMICs like India. Unlike conventional siloed models, IAS promotes coordinated accountability between hospital leadership, diagnostic laboratories, and prescribers. This editorial summarizes rationale, structure, and operational value of the 42 stewardship practices through a "PRESCRIBES" framework in the form of checkpoints and highlights its relevance to LMICs. It is the right moment to initiate these checkpoints organized under the following subheadings 1) Policy for AMR containment, 2) Resource integration for IAS practice, 3) Education to different cadres of healthcare providers, 4) Surveillance of practices, 5) right Culture of sending and acting upon diagnostics, 6) Rational antimicrobial use, 7) Information updates through AMR dashboards, 8) attention to right Behavioral interventions driving appropriate practices, 9) Engagement with multiple sections and cadres, and10) Sustainability plans and actions
With regular audits of facilities against "PRESCRIBES" framework, we think a culture of self-evaluation by healthcare facilities can be fostered. Additionally, the periodic exchanges of experiences such as that done during National Conference of SASPI, a platform can be provided for learning and sharing of useful practices. Embedding such integrated frameworks is essential to achieve the targets of National Action Plan on AMR and the WHO Global Action Plan.

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Box 1. Core elements of 'PRESCRIBES' framework

Letter	Core theme	Explanation
P	**Policy**	Institutional responsibility with active administrative oversight for AMR containment.
R	**Resource integration**	Pooling and judicious sharing of available resources for optimized implementation of action items.
E	**Education**	I nduction and continuous education of all healthcare workers in IAS practices with cadre tailored programs.
S	**Surveillance**	Surveillance of organisms including multidrug resistance (MDR) ; antimicrobial uses, and HAI through audit cycles to monitor trends and guide interventions .
C	**Culture**	Strengthened microbiology labs encouraging rapid diagnostics and AST reporting for guiding therapy and antimicrobial policy.
R	**Rational antimicrobial use**	Facility-specific antimicrobial policy linked to local antibiogram and AWaRe framework with emphasis on right choice, dose (including route), duration, de-escalation and minimized cost.
I	**Information**	Implementation of digital AMR dashboards, WHONET or similar diagnostic data management platform , and transparent reporting.
B	**Behavioural modification**	Data driven behavioural changes in various components of antimicrobial stewardship practices such as , but not limited to rational prescriptions, writing the reason for giving antibiotic, de-escalation, regular hand hygiene.
E	**Engagement**	Engagement with diverse sets of healthcare personals for involvement in their cadre related activities through awareness programs and activities.
S	**Sustainability**	Regular assessment and re-assessment to adapt and re-adapt and improve IAS implementation sustainably.

The **PRESCRIBES** framework provides a standardized, measurable AMS checklist for tertiary care hospitals to strengthen stewardship implementation and achieve accountability across clinical domains.

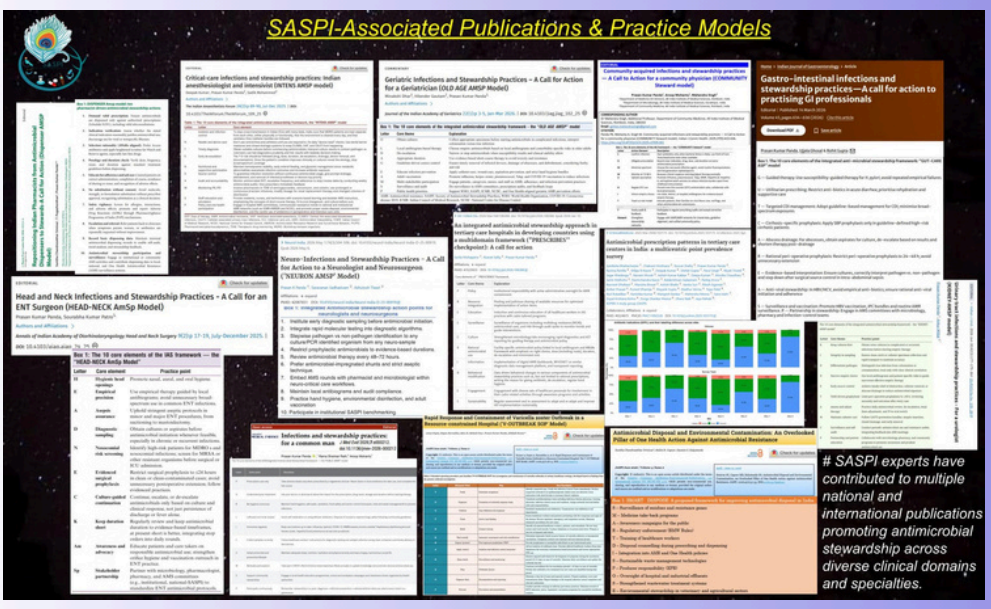
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🎯 Significance

✔ Expands stewardship beyond hospitals to ICU, pharmacy, geriatrics & gastro care

✔ Promotes specialty-specific ASP models

✔ Strengthens nationwide clinical adoption of stewardship practices

📚 ***Publications & Journal Links***

1- **DISPENSER AMSP Model (Pharmacy Practice)**
https://www.jppcm.org/article/12/1/1

2- **INTENS AMSP Model – ICU Practices**
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3- **Geriatric Stewardship Practices**
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4- Community Health Stewardship (IJCH)
https://www.iapsmupuk.org/journal/index.php/IJCH/article/view/3450

5- GUT-CARE ASP Model (Gastro Practices)
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6- Head and Neck Infections and Stewardship Practices - A Call for an ENT Surgeon (HEAD-NECK AmSp Model)
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https://www.ovid.com/10.4103/jju.jju_135_26

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From 2018 to 2025, SASPI actively commemorated WAAW through nationwide academic, awareness, and policy-driven initiatives to promote rational antimicrobial use.

SASPI – WAAW Celebrations Across Multiple SASPI Affiliated Institutes (2018–2025)



Major Initiatives

- Expert talks & CME sessions
- Multidisciplinary panel discussions
- Awareness materials & digital campaigns
- Institutional action plans
- Student engagement activities







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SASPI–WAAW ACTIVITIES (2018–2025)









SASPI's nationwide WAAW initiatives reflect its commitment to transforming awareness into accountable antimicrobial stewardship action.

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