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ASSAM CHAPTER

## SURGERY PAPYRUS



*From the desk  
of the  
Chairman*



Esteemed members

Warm regards to you all. I offer my heartiest thanks to you all for allowing me to serve the association as it's Chairman for the year 2020.

With a great hope and expectation we took over charge on 2nd February 2020. On 1st April 2020 Myself and Dr. Gunabhi Ram Das (Secretary Assam Chapter) attended ASI Sectional and Chapter meeting in Chennai. We planned to work with a great zeal and accordingly we prepared an academic calendar for the year 2020. We planned for holding CME in different places of Assam and Midterm conference on May last part in Bongaigaon. Annual conference was supposed to be conducted in Jorhat. But due to COVID-19 pandemic situation, Government declared lockdown and prohibited all meetings, conferences and other social activities until further order. So we have no way



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out but to postpone all our activities .

But when one door closed another door may have opened .Our enthusiastic and very active members found out that door i.e “ Internet” . ASI central as well as Chapters started their activities using the internet - webinar. Assam Chapter was also not left behind. The scientific committee Assam Chapter held a webinar on 4th June 2020. Thanks to Dr. Jishan Ahmed, immediate past Chairman, Dr. R.C Brahma, Chairman Scientific Committee, Dr. D.K Sarma, Dr. N.N. Ganguli , Dr. SS Bhattacharya and Dr. Gunabhi Ram Das, Secretary Assam Chapter .The Principal AMCH Dibrugarh needs special mention for his help.

After taking charge we requested for reimbursement of the expenditure we incurred in preparation for ASICON 20 Guwahati . ASI Hq agreed with our demand and reimbursed our total bill of Rs. 71,061.00 .

ASI Hq sent us 105 PPE Kits to be used by surgeons working in COVID Hospitals in Assam . Association of Surgeon of Rural India which is the



rural section of ASI has also donated Rs. 25000.00 towards Assam Chapter for PPE Kit through ASI Hq . The ASI Hq informed us that this amount was included in the 105 PPE Kit supplied to Assam (which included the courier cost). We distributed the PPE Kits to GMCH Guwahati, MMCH Guwahati, AMCH Dibrugarh and Silchar Medical College. ASI Hq also sent 900 bottles of hand sanitizers to Assam Chapter to distribute to the COVID Hospitals of Assam. We distributed it to the all Hospitals mentioned above plus Sonapur District Hospital. Thanks to Dr. M.K. Choudhury EC Member and his team for their active part in distribution of above materials.





ASI Assam Chapter donated Rs.1,00,000 to Assam Arogya Nidhi. This fund was raised by donation from our own members. Thanks to all members who had donated generously towards the fund .

During last six months many of our members are shining in national level . To name a few, Dr. Ravi Kannan of Silchar has been honoured with the Padmashri Award from Government of India. Prof. Subhash Khanna has been awarded the Honorary FRCS, Edinburg, and many others shine in their individual capacity. I congratulate all of them.

RRC for NE Zone is to be

held on 10th to 15th August online. I hope all our resident and PG students will join and take benefit of it.

On behalf of the executive committee Assam Chapter ASI (ASA) 2020 I seek your cooperation, suggestions and help so that we can serve the association to the utmost satisfaction and expectations. I am indebted to the members who helped me to prepare this newsletter.

Long Live ASA , Long Live ASI

**Dr Sarbeswar Bora**

Chairman,

Assam State Chapter of ASI.

ASI SSS request each members to motivate and contribute 5(Five) members each. This will take us to 5000 mark. Without helping each one of us will loose the opportunity to help our families.



Please take responsibility each of us and motivate to grow our scheme much higher then we will be winner at last. We hope it won't be much difficult. Although we have reached 900 plus, so we are almost running up to cross 1000 marks if the growth 200 plus per year. It will more useful for all of us families kindly help SSS. We felicitated members who hel SSS membership during every ASICON.

Long Live ASI

*.... Team ASI SSS*

## FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY



Dear Esteemed  
Members,

Greetings to you  
and your family.

At the very outset, I thank  
you all for giving me  
this opportunity to serve  
the association as Hony.  
Secretary for the second term.

This year, we had come up  
with a great Academic and Social  
Calender, but due to the restrictions  
imposed and the present situation  
of spread of Covid 19 disease, we  
could not go forward physically with  
the planned activities, cancelling the  
Mid Term C.M.E at Bongaigaon.

However, we conducted  
an online webinar, first of it's kind  
by ASA on 04.06.2020 , which  
was well attended by more than  
140 members and postgraduates.

Our Editor, JASA with his  
editorial team needs to be specially  
appreciated for able to bring out  
another Volume (No. 27) Issue  
no.1 of JASA, which is available  
on our website [www.asiassam.org](http://www.asiassam.org).



To fight this covid pandemic,  
many of our members are playing very  
active role, leading from the frontline.  
I congratulate all of them, and pray  
for their well being and good health  
of their families. For their protection,  
ASI headquarters sent us 105 PPEs and  
900 Hand sanitizers which have been  
distributed to the designated Covid  
Hospitals. I thank the ASI for the same.

This year, our Annual  
conference ASACON 2020, which  
was to be held at Jorhat, will  
have to be organized on an online  
platform, as communicated by ASI  
headquarters. We are trying to sort  
out things and seek your suport and  
suggestions to make it a huge success.  
In the meanwhile, we will be



comming up with some other online academic activities for our members and postgraduate students, and we will notify you from time to time.

I request our members to attend the NSEP (National Online Skill enhancement Programme) organised by ASI which is being held every Wednesday at 9 P.M.

I also request all our postgraduate students to become members of ASI and attend the Regional Refresher Course, 2020 which will be held online from 10th to 15th of August, 2020

Please go through the ASI social security scheme and the ASI professional indemnity scheme on the website [www.asiindia.org](http://www.asiindia.org) and take benefit of the schemes.

Lastly, on behalf of the Executive Committee of ASA , I seek your co-operation, suggestionsandhelp,sothatwecanruntheassociation to the satisfaction and expectation of all of you.

Long live ASA Long live ASI.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dr. Gunabhi Ram Das".

**DR. GUNABHI RAM DAS**

Hony. Secretary

Assam Chapter of ASI



**health is a  
relationship  
between  
you and your  
body.**



DR. JISHAN AHMED

From the Desk of  
Immediate Past Chairperson,  
Assam Chapter of ASI

Dear esteemed members of the Assam State Chapter of ASI

For the first time in my life, my pen refuses to flow in its normal smooth fashion, as I address you all. My thoughts are in turmoil, a part of my senses are in a state of numbness trying to cope with the loss of a respected senior teacher a few days ago, a close relative yesterday and a host of people in our medical fraternity, all of whom have lost the fight medical against COVID – 19.

This present newsletter was supposed to be out in the first quarter of this year, but the last six months has turned life topsy-turvy for every human being on the planet. As we slowly come to terms with dealing with a new way of life and find out new ways of doing things the phase “The old order changeth, giving place to the new” acquires greater significance and a newer meaning.

Leading the State Chapter last year was full of challenges, but it was an invigorating experience for me. I tried to give my best

A  
happy  
mind  
is a  
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body.





efforts in all directions and do hope that I could live up to all your expectations.

The present time is also a challenging one, but I believe we have now comfortably found our way out, adapting to webinars and on-line-versions of almost all issues. I wish the present Chairman Dr. Sarbeswar Borah and his team, all success in carrying out the chapter activities for the rest of their tenure.

I would like to wind up by paying my respectful homage to Prof. G. M. S. Choudhury, whose loss is a great one for our fraternity, and with whom I had always been in close contact as he had been a Professor in my unit for a great part of his service life at Dibrugarh, and whose words and encouragement I am no longer destined to hear. Rest in peace, Sir, in the heavens where only our prayers will reach. My homage also goes out to all members of our fraternity who have fought the virus, so that others could live.

To all my colleagues of the surgical and medical fraternities, my prayers are with you for your safety and the safety of your families. Stay vigilant, Stay safe, Stay positive. Together we will win this battle. Long live Assam Chapter of ASI.

**DR. JISHAN AHMED**  
Immediate Past Chairperson  
Assam State Chapter of ASI





## **Professor GMS Choudhary – A tribute**

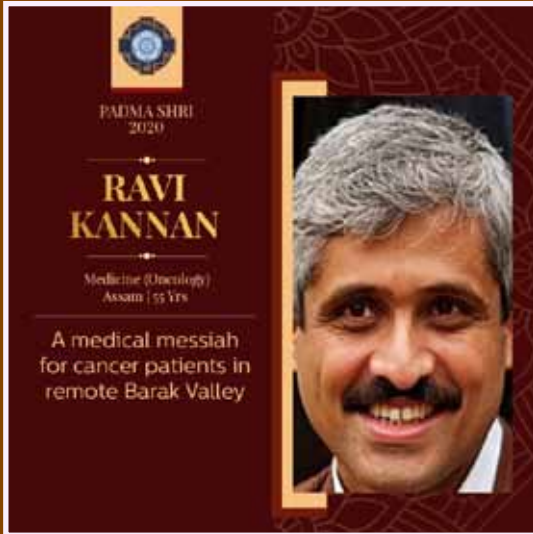
Man is mortal, but that dictum hardly consoles a mind when a person like Dr GMS Choudhary departs for his heavenly abode leaving behind a huge void among his family members, friends and admirers. He was born and brought up in Dibrugarh and did his schooling. He did his Pre-University from Cotton College and joined Assam Medical College from where he graduated in 1972. He joined AMC Dibrugarh as Registrar of Surgery in 1975 subsequent to which he obtained his MS degree in general surgery. After then he served at Guwahati Medical College for ten years. He returned to Assam Medical College in 1988 and retired in 2007 as Professor of Surgery. Dr Choudhary was a brilliant surgeon and academician who was awarded FICS in 1985. He was a lifetime member of numerous academic bodies and he delivered lectures in various national and state level conferences. He was one of the pioneer of laparoscopic surgery in the North-Eastern India. Apart from academics, he was very well known in literary circles and was associated with various literary and social organizations of Dibrugarh. He was also an avid poet writing poems highlighting burning topics of the society. I have lost a good and dear friend, who was batch mate of mine at his sad demise. I found him to be a very honest, pious, benevolent human being who was always concerned with other's difficulties and problems. I miss him very much and pray to God to render his soul eternal peace.

..... Prof (Dr.) M.Z. Ahmed





## ACHIEVEMENT



Dr. Ravi Kannan, one of the recipients of the Padma Shri Award 2020, who treats cancer patients for free.

Dr. Ravi Kannan runs the Cachar Cancer Hospital and Research Centre in Silchar that caters to people from all socio-economic backgrounds and has been conferred with the Padma Shri award in the category of medicine.

He has treated almost 7000 patients without taking a single penny from them. Besides providing free treatment to cancer patients, the hospital also provides accommodation, food, and employment.

Dr Kannan, originally from Chennai, quit his job there and moved to Assam with his family in 2007 to provide basic healthcare facilities for the people of Barak Valley with his Cachar Cancer Hospital and Research Centre in Silchar. He was praised as “Unsung Hero” by Union Minister Piyush Goyal. He is also known as Silchar’s Saviour.

We congratulates Dr. Ravi Kannan for his achievement.

- Dr. Subhas Khanna, founder editor of Surgery Papyrus, selected for the Editor Board of JMAS.
- Dr. Manoj Choudhury, EC Member (ASI) has presented a paper on “Morgagni Hernia” at Virtual Congress of European Association of Endoscopic Surgery(EAES) in the month of June.

We congratulates both of them.

# Activities

## Charge Handover Ceremony



Taking of charge by the new chairman on behalf of new executive committee on 2nd February 2020, at Hotel Landmark in Guwahati. The newly elected chairman Dr. Sarbeswar Bora took over charge from the outgoing chairman Dr. Jishan Ahmed in presence of galaxy of first chairman and other members from all over the state.



Release of Newsletter of ASA, edited by Dr. Jishan Ahmed, Chairman ASA 2019



Dr. R. Mazumdar addressing at Charge Handover meeting



Dr. Kanakeswar Bhuyan express his view at Charge Handover meeting



The chapters and section meeting of Chairmen and secretaries of ASI at Chennai Head Quarter on 1st March 2020.



Dr. Sarbeswar Bora (Chairman) and Dr. Gunabhi Ram Das (Secretary) of Assam Chapter ASI along with the president ASI Dr. P. Raghuram in Chennai Head-quarter on 1st March 2020



***Release of JASA on 25th June 2020.***

Dr. Manoj Saha, the editor of JASA expressed that without articles, it become a problem to publish JASA. Therefore he requested all the members to contribute generously by sending articles for future publications.



The Association of Surgeons of India and the Association of Surgeons of Rural India has donated 105 PPE Kits to Assam to use in COVID -19 designated hospitals.



PPE Kits were distributed to AMC&H Dibrugarh, GMC&H Guwahati, Silchar Medical College, Silchar & MMC Hospital Guwahati.



The Assam Chapter of ASI is thankful to ASI Head Quarter for their whole hearted support in the period of Covid- 19 pandemic.





*95 numbers of PPE kits supplied to NE Chapter of ASI & send it to Tripura State Chapter*

## **HAND SANITIZERS DISTRIBUTION**



900 bottles of Hand Sanitizers sent to Assam Chapter by ASI and distributed it to AMC&H(Dibrugarh), GMC&H (Guwahati), Silchar Medical Collge (Silchar), MMC Hospital (Guwahati) and Sonapur District Hospital (Guwahati). Thanks to Dr. M.K.Choudhury & his team for their active participation in distributing PPE Kits and Hand Sanitizers.



## *Academic Activites*

**Webinar held on 4th of June 2020**



Webinar Organised by Scientific Committee, Assam Chapter ASI  
Chairman Scientific Committee Dr. Rocket Ch. Brahma, Moderator  
Dr Jishan Ahmed and organiser Gunabhi Ram Das, Faculty members  
were Dr. N.N.Ganguly, Dr. S.Bhattacharjee, Dr. Dr. Dipok Sarma and  
participated by more than 75 members.



Galaxy of members participated in the Webinar

## Online EC Meeting Held

Following the guidelines issued by the government of India on Covid-19 pandemic, the executive committee meeting of Assam Chapter ASI was held on 18th July 2020 in online basis. The executive committee discussed various matters on the meeting. In the meeting, it was decided to hold webinar in the month of August and September. The committee congratulates Dr. Ravi Kanan for his Padmashree Award and Dr. S. Khanna for being conferred the honorary FRCS (Edinburg). The meeting thanked ASI Headquarter and its rural section for providing PPE kits and Hand Sanitizers. Moreover, the house condoled and prayed for the demise of all those who have been fighting with Covid-19, and appreciated efforts and selfless service of the Doctors, Paramedics and other health care workers.

## A glimpse of 2nd Webinar organised by Scientific Committee ASA (asacme)



The 2nd Webinar arranged by Dr. Racket Brahma, the chairman of Scientific committee under the chairmanship of Dr. Sarbeswar Bora on 30th August 2020. Dr. Elbert Khenigte spoke on use of EK gloves in SILs. A condolence meeting was conducted online to condoled the sad demise of Prof.(Dr) GMS Choudhury. Several members spoke about Dr. Choudhury and 1 minute silence was observed and prayed to almighty for the eternal peace of the departed soul.

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Assam Chapter of Association of Surgeons of India (ASI)

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 2020**

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