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Department of Anaesthesiology & Critical Care

Vigilance & Expertise

Events of 2026

A chronicle of academic, training and outreach milestones through the year

In brief

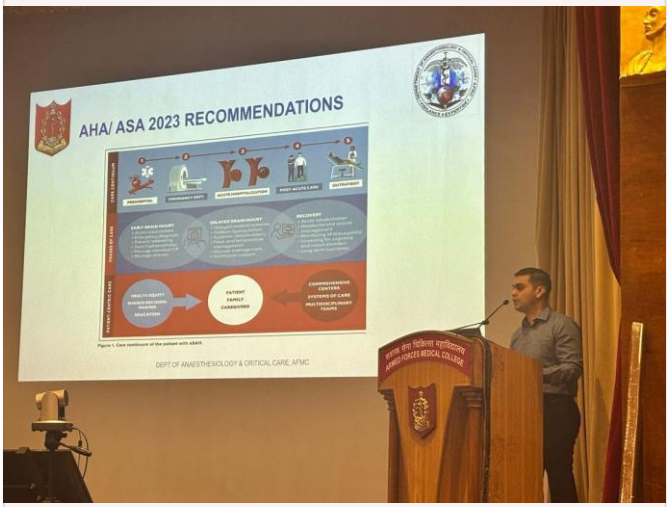
Through 2026, the Department has hosted national workshops and conferences, trained postgraduates and paramedics across the Armed Forces Medical Services, and represented AFMC at academic forums across the country.

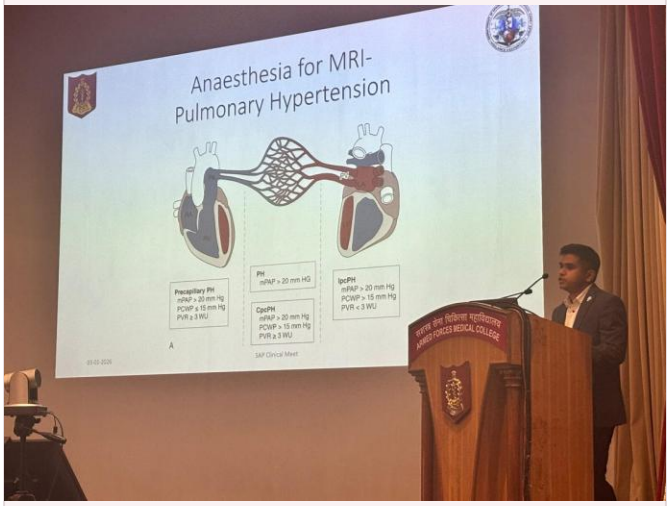
The Department of Anaesthesiology & Critical Care, AFMC

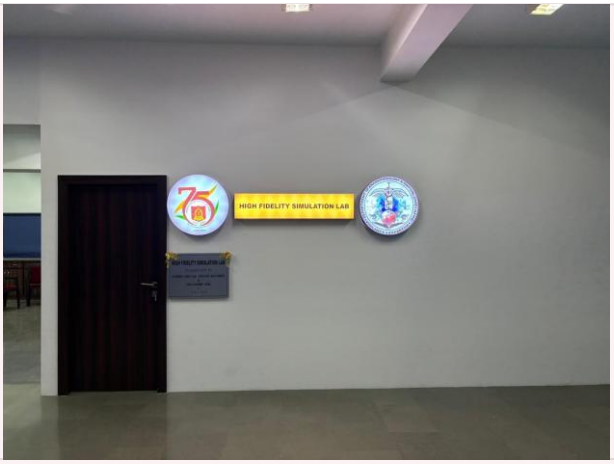
03 January 2026 · Bharadwaj Auditorium, AFMC Pune

SAP- SDA Academic Activity – Monthly Clinical Meet for Postgraduates

The Monthly Clinical Meet for Postgraduate Students, organised by the Society of Anaesthesiologists Pune (SAP) in association with the Society of Defence Anaesthesiologists (SDA), was successfully held at AFMC on 03 January 2026, with participation from around 100 anaesthesiologists, veterans and postgraduate residents. The program involved an exchange of clinical experiences on managing challenging cases in NORA – specifically the Interventional Radiology suite, Endoscopy suite and MRI – making it a fruitful academic evening for the specialty.







09 JANUARY

High-Fidelity Simulation Lab Inaugurated

A new high-fidelity simulation laboratory was inaugurated within the Clinical Skills Lab, strengthening scenario-based training for postgraduate and undergraduate students across the department.

01 APRIL

SDA Webinar 2026

Themed "Regional Anaesthesia Uncovered" – the Society of Defence Anaesthesiologists hosted this webinar, chaired by Air Cmde Aditya Sapra, with department faculty presenting as speakers.

10 APRIL

RSACPCON 2026 Panel Discussion

"Disaster Management – The Army Way": Col Ashish Vadhera and Maj Akash Ray Mohapatra were panellists at the 34th RSACPCON conference, Indore.

11 APRIL

RSACPCON 2026 Quiz – First Prize

Maj Akash Ray Mohapatra was part of the winning team at the High Five Quiz held during RSACPCON 2026 at Indore.

25–26 APRIL

YUVACON 2026, Ahmedabad

Residents of the department presented original papers at this national forum; Col Dewendra Gajbhiye moderated the poster presentation session.

02–03 MAY

Illuminati 2026 Workshops

Undergraduates from medical colleges across the region attending Illuminati 2026 were trained in Basic Life Support and venous access and airway management.

FLAGSHIP EVENT

24 May 2026 · Online Platform, Webex

SDA PG Assembly 2026

The Department successfully conducted the SDA PG Assembly 2026 under the aegis of the Society of Defence Anaesthesiologists, bringing together postgraduate residents from AFMS hospitals across the country.

Eminent teachers and academicians delivered examination-oriented lectures spanning medical ethics, ARDS guidelines, diabetic ketoacidosis management, cardiopulmonary bypass, regional anaesthesia and fetal surgery.

29–30 MAY

BLS/ACLS Workshop – AMDC & MOJCC

Maj Tarun Ganapathy and department residents conducted a hands-on Basic and Advanced Cardiac Life Support workshop for course officers.

JULY 2026

AORA 2026 National Conference

Lt Col J John Magesh Kumar represented the department as faculty at the Academy of Regional Anaesthesia of India’s national conference and cadaveric workshop. Maj Akash and Maj Tarun attended as delegates.

FLAGSHIP EVENT

10–12 July 2026 · AFMC, Pune

ReCAP – PG Refresher Course

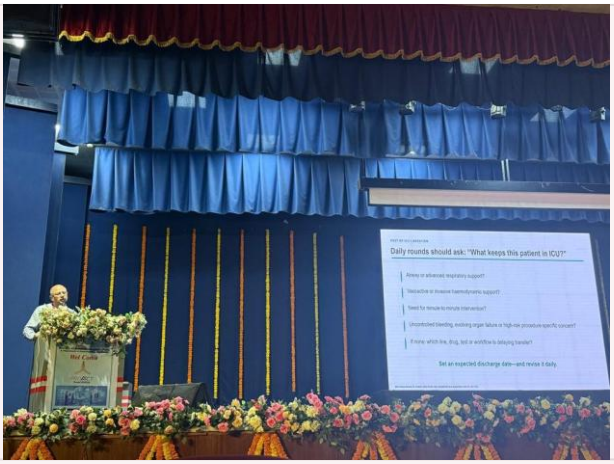
AFMC has hosted this three-day refresher course since 2013. In 2026, 106 postgraduate students from medical colleges across the region attended, guided by faculty of the Pune complex alongside eminent civilian anaesthesiologists.

The course remains a key platform for enhancing student performance, providing key exam-oriented insights and the College's reputation as a centre of excellence.

28 JULY

MUHS Miller Gold Medal

Maj Akash Ray Mohapatra was awarded the MUHS Miller Gold Medal for standing first in the university in MD Anaesthesiology, conferred at the 25th MUHS Convocation, Nashik.



AUGUST 2026

PROACT PuneCON 2026

Department faculty participated in PROACT PuneCON 2026, organised by the Society of Anaesthesiologists Pune with the Dept of Anaesthesiology, SKNMCGH, on “Reimagining Anaesthesia: Innovations in Practice.”

FLAGSHIP EVENT

22–23 August 2026 · AFMC, Pune

CRAB 2026 – Cadaveric Regional Anaesthesia Workshop

Conducted in collaboration with the Academy of Regional Anaesthesia of India, this workshop brought together 24 faculty and over 50 delegates for hands-on training in ultrasound-guided scanning and needling through cadaveric stations.

The workshop has positioned AFMC among a select few centres nationally to conduct cadaveric regional anaesthesia training, in collaboration with the Department of Anatomy.

Through the Year

Beyond these events, the Department maintained a steady programme of AHA-certified BLS/ACLS courses, community outreach BLS modules at Army Public School Ghorpadi, RHTC Kasurdi and ASHA School, and continued research publications in MJAFI, and other international journals. Three faculty members – Col Ashish Vadhera, Lt Col Vipin Sukumaran and Lt Col Jimna Joy – also completed their AHA-certified BLS/ACLS Instructor Course during the year taking the total trained faculty tally to seven.

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