

NATIONAL EPILEPSY WEEK

Epilepsy Update 2026

DATE	TIME	VENUE
Sunday, 15th November 2026	09:00am – 06:30pm (IST)	4th Floor, S. P. Jain Auditorium, Bombay Hospital, Mumbai – 400020

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
09:00–09:45am	REGISTRATION AND TEA & COFFEE	
09:45–10:00am	Introduction on Medical Therapy in Epilepsy	Dr. Nirmal Surya
SYMPOSIUM 1 The Trusted Workhorse LEVETIRACETAM		
10:00–10:15am	Drug profile – Pharmacology, dosing, formulations, adverse effects (behavioral / psychiatric)	Dr. Neeraj Jain
10:15–10:30am	Current evidence – Monotherapy and add-on trials; status epilepticus; pregnancy and elderly data	Dr. Jayanti Mani
10:30–11:00am	Panel discussion – Levetiracetam	MODERATOR Dr. Vibhor Pardasani PANELISTS Dr. Neeraj Jain Dr. Jayanti Mani
SYMPOSIUM 2 The Next-Generation Racetam BRIVARACETAM		
11:00–11:15am	Drug profile – Pharmacology (high-affinity SV2A binding), dosing, IV use, adverse effects	Dr. Joy Desai
11:15–11:30am	Current evidence – Add-on trials in focal seizures; monotherapy data; switching from levetiracetam and behavioral tolerability	Dr. Sidharth Kharkar
11:30–12:00pm	Panel discussion – Brivaracetam	MODERATOR Dr. Saurabh Kamat PANELISTS Dr. Joy Desai Dr. Sidharth Kharkar
SYMPOSIUM 3 Slow and Steady on the Sodium Channel LACOSAMIDE		
12:00–12:15pm	Drug profile – Pharmacology (slow inactivation of sodium channels), dosing, IV use, cardiac and other adverse effects	Dr. Rahul Chakor
12:15–12:30pm	Current evidence – Monotherapy and add-on trials in focal seizures; adjunctive data in generalized tonic-clonic seizures; use in status epilepticus	Dr. Anand Diwan
12:30–01:00pm	Panel discussion – Lacosamide	MODERATOR Dr. Kamlesh Jagiasi PANELISTS Dr. Rahul Chakor Dr. Anand Diwan
01:00–02:00pm	LUNCH	

Afternoon Session

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
SYMPOSIUM 4 Chasing Seizure Freedom CENOBAMATE		
02:00-02:15pm	Drug profile – Pharmacology (sodium channel blockade and GABA-A modulation), slow titration, interactions, DRESS risk	Dr. Sujit Jagtap
02:15-02:30pm	Current evidence – Randomized trials in drug-resistant focal epilepsy; seizure-freedom rates; long-term open-label safety	Dr. Sangeeta Ravat
02:30-03:00pm	Panel discussion – Cenobamate	MODERATOR Dr. Jayanti Mani PANELISTS Dr. Sujit Jagtap Dr. Sangeeta Ravat
SYMPOSIUM 5 Hype or Hope? CANNABIDIOL (CANNABIS OIL)		
03:00-03:15pm	Drug profile – Pharmacology, pharmaceutical-grade versus unregulated oils, dosing, interactions with clobazam and valproate, adverse effects	Dr. Sandeep Patil
03:15-03:30pm	Current evidence – Randomized trials in Dravet syndrome, Lennox-Gastaut syndrome and tuberous sclerosis complex; regulatory status in India	Dr. Natasha Tipnis
03:30-04:00pm	Panel discussion – Cannabidiol (cannabis oil)	MODERATOR Dr. Kaustubh Bavdhankar PANELISTS Dr. Sandeep Patil Dr. Natasha Tipnis
04:00-04:30pm	TEA & COFFEE BREAK	

EVENING PROGRAMME · 04:30-06:30pm

Inauguration & Public Awareness Program for Person with Epilepsy

Inauguration followed by Public Awareness Program

06:30pm **HIGH TEA**