

41st AROICON TN & PY 2026

Precision at its Best

12–13 September 2026 · Courtyard by Marriott, Madurai

Madurai — the ancient city of temples, culture, and heritage — provided the perfect backdrop for the 41st Annual Conference of the Association of Radiation Oncologists of India, Tamil Nadu & Puducherry Chapter (AROICON TN & PY 2026), held on 12 and 13 September 2026 at the Courtyard by Marriott. Coinciding with AROI's golden jubilee — 50 years of excellence in radiation oncology — the conference was a celebration of scientific progress and the enduring spirit of the specialty. Over 300 radiation oncologists, medical professionals, and allied cancer care experts converged from across Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, and beyond, making it one of the most well-attended chapter conferences in recent years.

The conference was hosted by Mohan's Medicity Hospital, Madurai, under the chairmanship of Prof. Dr. B.K.C. Mohan Prasad, and ably steered by Dr. K.S. Kirushna Kumar as Organising Chairman and Dr. K. Mahalakshmi Prasad as Organising Secretary — whose meticulous planning and infectious energy were evident in every detail of the programme.

Inauguration: Setting the Tone

The inaugural ceremony on Saturday, 12 September was graced by Padma Shri Dr. P. Vijay Anand Reddy, Director of Apollo Cancer Centre, Hyderabad, as Chief Guest — an honour befitting both his stature and the occasion. The dais also included Dr. V. Srinivasan, Secretary General AROI; Dr. Srinivasan Krishnan, President AROI TN & PY; and Dr. Rajesh Balakrishnan, Secretary AROI TN & PY.

Dr. Srinivasan Krishnan's presidential address reflected on the chapter's journey of growth and academic vitality. The Secretary's Address by Dr. Rajesh Balakrishnan reported a landmark year of chapter activity: eight CORE (Controversy to Consensus) webinars, four in-person CMEs across Tamil Nadu, formal advocacy on the platinum-based chemotherapy shortage, and the launch of a revamped chapter website at www.aroitnpy.org — with the chapter's academic calendar reaching radiation oncologists from Chennai and Coimbatore to Namakkal and Trichy.

Chief Guest Dr. Vijay Anand Reddy articulated a compelling vision of modern oncology: that precision, at its truest, goes beyond technology — it is about delivering the right treatment to the right patient at the right time, integrating accurate staging, multidisciplinary decision-making, advanced radiation techniques, and an unwavering focus on the patient at the centre of every decision. His address was widely reported in the regional press, with The Hindu and Dinamalar covering the event.



A Rich Two-Day Scientific Programme

Anchored by the theme Precision at its Best, the scientific programme offered eight expert panels, five invited talks, two prestigious orations, and over 90 proffered papers and poster presentations — a panoramic survey of contemporary radiation oncology.

Day 1 (12 September) opened with proffered papers, followed by panels on Head and Neck Cancers and Breast Cancers, showcasing multidisciplinary perspectives from across the state. The afternoon featured panels on Cancer Cervix, Prostate Cancer, and Brain Tumours, with the neuro-oncology panel drawing particularly engaged discussion. Industry sessions on adaptive radiotherapy and arc therapy technologies preceded the General Body Meeting and a vibrant Gala Dinner with music and dance.

Day 2 (13 September) was headlined by panels on GIT Cancers and Synchronous & Metachronous Malignancies, a session on Acute Toxicity management, and a talk on the evolving role of immunotherapy in locally advanced cervical and head and neck cancers. Faculty presentations on the NCG-EQUIP oral health quality improvement project and a hypofractionated radiotherapy with concomitant boost study — an ASTRO Poster 2025 from San Francisco — underscored the breadth and quality of academic contributions before the Valedictory Function.

The Orations: Honouring the Pillars of the Specialty

Oration 1 — The Dr. Ida B Scudder Oration was delivered by Dr. K. Satheesh Babu, Consultant Radiation Oncologist, Lakshmi KSB Cancer Centre, Salem — a fitting honour for a clinician whose career exemplifies dedicated service to the specialty. **Oration 2 — The Dr. Rai Memorial Oration** was delivered by Dr. K. Velavan, Consultant Radiation Oncologist, Erode Cancer Centre, Erode — a moment of reflection on mentorship, teaching, and clinical dedication. Both orations were received with warm appreciation by the assembled delegates.



Looking Ahead

Delegates were urged to register for the 4th Indian Cancer Congress 2027 (ICC 2027), to be held from 30 September to 3 October 2027 at the Chennai Trade Centre. As the host state, Tamil Nadu's radiation oncology community has both the privilege and the responsibility to participate in strength. Early bird registration (closing 30 September 2026) was strongly encouraged at icc2027.in.

The 41st AROICON TN & PY was more than a conference — it was a reaffirmation of the chapter's collective commitment to academic excellence, clinical precision, and professional fellowship. As AROI marks 50 years of excellence in radiation oncology, the Tamil Nadu & Puducherry Chapter continues to write its own proud chapter in that story.

— Report by Dr. Rajesh Balakrishnan, Secretary, AROI TN & PY Chapter —