

NORTH EAST CHAPTER, ASI- A REPORT

Formed unofficially on 30th June, 2018, in a meeting in hotel Landmark, Guwahati, which was attended by eleven members including the then Hon. President Dr Dilip S Gode, Hon. Secretary Dr Ebenesh Bensam, Hon. Past president Dr John Abraham and representatives from the states of Meghalaya, Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh.

Official confirmation and announcement of the NE Chapter formation was done in the ASI executive committee meeting held in Imphal on 1st of September, 2018.

Activities of the NE chapter:

1) Immediately on 8th and 9th September, first conference of the chapter the 1st NECASICON was held in Shillong which included a day long CME and a half day live workshop on Endosonology and RIRS. This was inaugurated by the Hon. Health minister, Meghalaya Sri A L Hek, in presence of the ASI President Dr Dilip Gode. The conference was attended by 67 participants from all 5 state units on NE Chapter.

(The detail of the financial transaction is given separately in annexure 1 by the Treasurer of the organizing committee.)

2) A rural surgical camp was conducted by the NE chapter with the ASI support, in Norman Tunnel Hospital, Jowai on 5th and 6th December, 2018. A total of 27 surgeries were performed which included Laparoscopic and Pediatric operations. All the surgeries including the preoperative investigations, stay in the hospital and post operative medications were made free for the patients by the ASI.

Activities of the state units:

All the state units are regularly having academic activities. Meghalaya Surgical Society, the biggest unit of the NE Chapter had two CME held on 8TH December, 2018 and 23rd February, 2019. Talks were given by invited Faculties and its members.

Future activities of NE Chapter:

1) Nazareth Hospital, Shillong in collaboration with NE Chapter, ASI and AMASI will be having the two yearly “5th Advanced Laparoscopic Surgery Workshop cum CME” on 1st and 2nd August, 2019. Immediately thereafter on 2nd to 4th August the AMASI will conduct the FMAS course in Nazareth Hospital.

2) The Mizoram unit of NE Chapter will host the 2nd NECASICON in Aizawl, in the month of November. Provisionally the dates have been fixed on 22nd and 23rd November, this year.

3) The Meghalaya Surgical Society under the banner of NE Chapter is planning to hold a rural surgical camp towards the end of this year.