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Minutes of the 1st Central Council Meeting of IAOH for the year 2026-27

The 1st Central Council Meeting for the year 2026-27 was held on 10th January 2026 at Padam Banquet & Lawns, Jamnagar during OCCUCON 2026.

The following members attended:

Sr. No.	Name	Branch
1	Dr. Hitesh Shingala	Jamnagar
2	Dr. Kishor G. Parikh	Vadodara
3	Dr. Dharmesh Parekh	Mumbai
4	Dr. Dr. Nikunj Desai	Mumbai
5	Dr. Vishwaraj Mhalshekar	Goa
6	Dr. Govinda Narke	Pune
7	Dr. Tushar Vilasi	Ahmedabad
8	Dr. Nikhil Patel	Ahmedabad
9	Dr. P R Nandakishore	AP
10	Dr. T S Deepthi Sarojni	AP
11	Dr. J Vijay Rao	AP
12	Dr. Chandra Babu	AP
13	Dr. Sudha Bala	AP
14	Dr Mahinath Mishra	Ankleshwar
15	Dr. Sandeep Sharma	Delhi
16	Dr Rajiv Kumar Jain	Delhi
17	Dr. P. K. Sishodiya	Dhanbad
18	Dr. G V Prabhu	Goa
19	Dr. Kamla Fartyal	Haryana
20	Dr. Shriniket Mishra	Haryana
21	Dr. Bhavesh Khodadiya	Jamnagar
22	Dr. R. Rajesh	Jamnagar
23	Dr. Kirti Chudasama	Jamnagar
24	Dr. Yogesh Shingate	Jamnagar
25	Dr. Naveen Ramesh	Karnataka
26	Dr. Bobby Joseph	Karnataka
27	Dr. Shanti Bhoomagoud	Karnataka
28	Dr. Deepa K H	Karnataka
29	Dr. Vandana Shinde	Mumbai
30	Dr. Divyang Shah	Mumbai
31	Dr. Anand More	Mumbai
32	Dr. Bishwadeep Paul	Mumbai
33	Dr. S.M. Shanbhag	Mumbai
34	Dr. Shyam Pingle	Mumbai
35	Dr. T. Rajgopal	Mumbai
36	Dr. C S Gulvady	Mumbai
37	Dr. Joel Samuel	Mumbai
38	Dr. Swapnali Y	Mumbai
39	Dr. S K Raut	Pune
40	Dr. Parul Malhotra	Pune
41	Dr. Sanjay Rotithor	Pune
42	Dr. Deepali Khode	Pune
43	Dr. Suhas Kanitkar	Pune
44	Dr. Amitkumar Kulkarni	Pune

45	Dr. C G Shetty	Pune
46	Dr. Ajay Dhongade	Pune
47	Dr. R. Kumar	Tamil Nadu
48	Dr. S. Sarangadharan	Tamil Nadu
49	Dr. Ramya Venkataraman	Tamil Nadu
50	Dr. Sudha S. Ramchandran	Tamil Nadu
51	Dr. R C Saxena	Vadodara
52	Dr. Milan Thakkar	Vadodara
53	Dr. Dinesh Prajapati	Vadodara
54	Dr. Balvantdan	Kutch

After confirming the quorum, the meeting was called to order by President, Dr. Hitesh Shingala. On behalf of the Central IA OH Office bearers, he extended a warm welcome to all the Central Council members and the invited Presidents of various branches.

President requested Dr. Dharmesh Parekh, Hon. General Secretary to take up the agenda items.

Following agenda items were discussed during the 1st Central Council Meeting for the year 2025-26:

1. Constitution of various committees of IA OH:

(All committees are constituted as per recommendation by President & approval by CC Members)

Policy Committee

Chairperson	Dr Kishor G Parikh, Senior Vice-President of IA OH
Member	Dr Jagdish Kamath
Member	Dr Bishwadeep Paul
Member	Dr R Rajesh
Member	Dr M V Sreenivasan
Member	Dr S.M. Shanbhag
Ex-Officio Member & Co-ordinator	Dr Dharmesh Parekh, Hon. General Secretary, IA OH

** Periodic meetings to be organized by Co-ordinator between Policy Committee & Ethics and Compliance Committee

Scientific Committee

Chairperson	Dr Nikunj Desai, Junior Vice-President of IA OH
Member	Dr Rajiv Jain
Member	Dr Sunny Jani
Member	Dr Naveen Ramesh
Member	Dr Shyam Pingle
Member	Dr Sujata Rane
Ex-Officio Member & Co-ordinator	Dr Dharmesh Parekh, Hon. General Secretary, IA OH

Web & Social Media Committee

Chairperson	Dr Deepthi Sarojni
Hon. General Secretary, IA OH	Dr Dharmesh Parekh
Member	Dr Kalrav Thakkar
Member	Dr Venkata Vivek Kaveti
Member	Dr Ratnakar Koyande
Member	Dr Deepak R
Member	Dr Sailesh T. Basavarajan

Dr. C.K. Ramchandrar (CKR) Memorial Oration Committee

Chairperson	Junior Vice-President of IAOH	Dr Nikunj Desai
Member	President Tamil Nadu Branch	President Tamil Nadu Br.
Member	Member not part of any other Oration committee	Dr P R Nandakishor
Member		Dr G V Prabhu
Member		Dr Bhavesh Khodadiya
Ex-officio Convenor & Secretary of the Committee	Hon. Gen Secretary, IAOH	Dr Dharmesh Parekh

Dr. Ramnik Parekh Oration Committee

Chairperson	National President of IAOH	Dr Hitesh Shingala
Member	President Mumbai Branch	President Mumbai Br.
Member	1st Immediate Past President, IAOH	Dr Bishwadeep Paul
Member	2 nd Immediate Past President, IAOH	Dr J Vijay Rao
Member	3 rd Immediate Past President, IAOH	Dr Sidram Raut
Ex-officio Convenor & Secretary of the Committee	Hon. Gen Secretary, IAOH	Dr Dharmesh Parekh

Dr. J.C. Kothari (JCK) Memorial Oration Committee

Chairperson	National President of IAOH	Dr Hitesh Shingala
Member	President Mumbai Branch	President Mumbai Br.
Member	President Pune Branch	President Pune Branch
Member	IJOEM Editor	Dr Bobby Joseph
Member	One National Past President	Dr C S Gulvady
Ex-officio Convenor & Secretary of the Committee	Hon. Gen Secretary, IAOH	Dr Dharmesh Parekh

Dr. P.V. Thacker Memorial Oration Committee

Chairperson	Immediate National Past President	Dr Bishwadeep Paul
Member	President Mumbai Branch	President Mumbai Br.
Member	IJOEM Editor	Dr Bobby Joseph
Member	Member not part of any other Oration committee	Dr Mahinath Mishra
Member		Dr Shyam Pingle
Ex-officio Convenor & Secretary of the Committee	Hon. Gen Secretary, IAOH	Dr Dharmesh Parekh

Prof G. Arjundas Oration Committee

Chairperson	Senior Vice-President of IAOH	Dr Kishor G Parikh
Member	President Tamil Nadu Branch	President Tamil Nadu Br.
Member	Past National President not part of any other Oration committee	Dr S M Shanbhag
Member		Dr R Rajesh
Member	Branch President not part of any other Oration committee	Goa Branch
Ex-officio Convenor & Secretary of the Committee	Hon. Gen Secretary, IAOH	Dr Dharmesh Parekh

Best Resource Person Award Committee

Chairperson	National President of IAOH	Dr Hitesh Shingala
Member	Branch President not part of any other Orator committee	President Kutch Branch
Member		President Delhi Branch
Member		President Haryana Branch
Member	Past President co-opted by the National President	Dr Sudha Ramachandran
Ex-officio Convenor & Secretary of the Committee	Hon. Gen Secretary, IAOH	Dr Dharmesh Parekh

Best Branch Shield Committee

Chairperson	National President of IAOH	Dr Hitesh Shingala
Member	1 st Immediate Past President, IAOH	Dr Bishwadeep Paul
Member	2 nd Immediate Past President, IAOH	Dr J Vijay Rao
Member	3 rd Immediate Past President, IAOH	Dr Sidram K. Raut
Ex-officio Convenor & Secretary of the Committee	Hon. Gen Secretary, IAOH	Dr Dharmesh Parekh

Fellowship Committee

Chairperson	National President of IAOH	Dr Hitesh Shingala
Member	Vice President of IAOH	Dr Kishor G Parikh
Member	Vice President of IAOH	Dr Nikunj Desai
Member	Editor IJOEM	Dr Bobby Joseph
Member	Immediate Past President of IAOH	Dr Bishwadeep Paul
Member	Immediate Past Gen. Secretary of IAOH	Dr Kishor G. Parikh
Ex-officio Convenor & Co-ordinator	Hon. Gen Secretary, IAOH	Dr Dharmesh Parekh

Dr. C.K. Ramchandrar (CKR) Centenary Awards Committee

Chairperson	National President of IAOH	Dr Hitesh Shingala
Member	Past President, IAOH	Dr Vijay Rao
Member	Past President, IAOH	Dr P K Sishodiya
Member	Past President, IAOH	Dr T Rajgopal
Member	One member of CKR family	One member of CKR family
Ex-officio Convenor & Secretary of the Committee	Hon. Gen Secretary, IAOH	Dr Dharmesh Parekh

External Relation MOUs Committee

Chairperson	Dr S.M. Shanbhag
Member	Dr P.K. Sishodiya
Member	Dr R. Rajesh
Member	Dr R C Saxena
Member	Dr Sanjay Rotithor
Member	Dr Rajiv Jain
Member	Dr J Vijay Rao
Member	Dr Priyanka Roy
Member	Dr T. Rajgopal

Membership Drive, Branch Revival / Activation Committee

Chairperson	Dr Nikunj Desai, Jr. Vice President, IAOH
Member	Dr Jagdish Kamath
Member	Dr Sandeep Sharma
Member	Dr R. Rajesh
Member	Dr Shanti Bhoomagoud
Member	Dr S.M. Shanbhag

BOHS Committee and OH Project in Unorganized Sector Committee

Mentor	Dr Ramnik Parekh	Mumbai Branch
Chairperson	Dr R. Rajesh	Jamnagar Branch
Member	Dr J Vijay Rao	Andhra Pradesh Branch
Member	Dr Shashi Bhusan	Delhi Branch
Member	Dr Shyam Pingle	Mumbai Branch
Member	Dr Sanjay Saraf	Pune Branch
Member	Dr Suvarna Moti	Mumbai Branch
Member	Dr P K Sishodia	Dhanbad Branch
Member	Dr Bhavesh Khodadiya	Jamnagar Branch
Member	Dr S. Sarangadharan	Tamil Nadu Branch
Ex-officio Secretary	Dr Govinda Narke	Jt. Secretary of IAOH

** Joint Secretary of IAOH would be responsible in connecting BOHS Committee and Scientific Committee and organizing periodic meetings.

Finance Committee

Chairperson	Dr Vishwaraj Mhalshekar, Finance Secretary, IAOH
Member	Dr Nikunj Desai
Member	Dr R. Rajesh
Member	Dr Sanjay Rotithor
Member	Dr Sandeep Sharma
Member	Dr Rishikesh Naik
Member	Dr Sudha Ramchandran
Member	Dr Rajiv Jain

Ethics & Compliance Committee

Chairperson	Dr Nikunj Desai, Jr Vice President, IAOH
Member	Dr Shyam Pingle
Member	Dr S K Raut
Member	Dr Jagdish Kamath
Member	Dr S.M. Shanbhag
Member	Dr Vandana Shinde

** Periodic meetings to be organized between Policy Committee & Ethics and Compliance Committee by Coordinator of Policy Committee.

Conference Committee

Chairperson	Dr Sudha Ramchandran
President of IAOH	Dr Hitesh Shingala
Hon. Gen. Secretary of IAOH	Dr Dharmesh Parekh
Scientific Committee Chairperson	Dr Nikunj Desai
Member	Dr R. Rajesh
Member	Dr S.M. Shanbhag
Member	Dr M V Sreenivasan
Member	Dr Sandeep Sharma
Member	Dr Shyam Pingle
Member	Dr Sidram K. Raut
Member	Dr Ajay Dhonge
Member	Dr Milan Thakkar
Member	Dr Parul Malhotra
Member	Dr Shanti Bhoomagoud

** For providing Conference guidelines and support to the branch holding the National Conference

IJOEM Journal Committee

Editor	Dr Bobby Joseph
Associate Editor	Dr Naveen Ramesh
Journal Secretary	Dr (Maj) Anand More

OSHEN Newsletter Committee

Chairperson – Hon Jt. Secretary, IAOH	Dr Govinda Narke
Member	Dr Deepali Khode
Member	Dr Shanti Bhoomagoud
Member	Dr Sujata Rane
Member	Dr Aditya Paliwal
Member	Dr Ramya Venkataraman
Member	Dr Abhirup Maulik

** Hon. Joint Secretary would coordinate between OSHEN Newsletter Committee and Web Committee for uploading newsletters on the IAOH Website & social media.

2. Second Central Council Meeting (2026-27):

Dr Vishwaraj Mhalshekar, President of IAOH, Goa Branch proposed hosting the 2nd CCM in 3rd or 4th week of April 2026 in Goa. This proposal was accepted by the Central Council.

IAOH also received proposal from IAOH Tamil Nadu Branch for hosting the 3rd CCM in Oct / Nov 2025. The CCM approved the proposal of IAOH Tamil Nadu branch to host the 3rd CCM at Chennai in Oct / Nov 2026.

3. 77th National Conference of IAOH: OCCUCON 2027:

During the AGM, it was proposed and unanimously agreed that the 77th National Conference of IAOH would be integrated with ICOH 2027 which is scheduled to be held in Mumbai from 14th February to 19th February 2027. The proposal was unanimously accepted by the august body.

4. Co-option of members to Central Council:

Dr. Parul Malhotra & Dr. Rishikesh Naik were co-opted as members of the Central Council as per Part II (Rule 18) Composition of Central Council of the IAOH Constitution and Byelaws.

Proposed by Dr. Shyam Pingle and Seconded by Dr. C S Gulvady.

5. Any other subjects with the permission of the Chair:

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr Dharmesh Parekh, Hon. Gen. Secretary, IAOH. He thanked IAOH, Jamnagar Branch for hosting 1st CCM (2026 - 27) during OCCUCON-2026 with excellent arrangements.



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