



AIDSCON - 13

..towards AIDS Free World

Concept Note

AIDSCON – 13 – Towards AIDS Free World is being organized by Chandigarh State AIDS Control Society on 10th & 11th February 2025 at Hotel Mountview, Sector-10, Chandigarh.

The conference aims to bring together leading experts from medical and social fields to discuss advancements and strategies in combating HIV/AIDS. It will feature an array of presentations, panel discussions, and interactive sessions focusing on topics like prevention strategies, treatment modalities, and support services for individuals affected by HIV/AIDS.

Having successfully conducted 12 AIDSCON conferences since 2011, Chandigarh SACS has established this platform as a significant opportunity for knowledge exchange, groundbreaking research dissemination, and networking among stakeholders. This year, the conference will be conducted entirely in physical mode, encouraging more dynamic and engaging participation.

Delegates are encouraged to register at the earliest to secure their participation. Details about the registration process, fees, and submission of abstracts for oral and poster presentations are outlined below for your reference.

How to Register?

1. There are limited seats for attending the conference. The registration would be on 'first cum first serve' basis.
2. Registration form is enclosed.
3. Registration fee for the conference is as per the details below:

	Up to 31 st January 2025	1 st February 2025 onwards and Spot Registration
Students, NGOs & staff of peripheral units of SACS*	500	700
Other delegates	700	1000

*Students, NGOs & staff of Peripheral Units of SACS must submit valid photo-identity card along with the registration form wherever applicable

4. The delegates may submit the registration form along with registration fee at the office of Chandigarh SACS for registering for the conference

OR

Delegates may submit the registration form to the office of Chandigarh SACS along with registration fee through Cheque (Outstation cheques will not be accepted)/demand draft

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payable at Chandigarh through post. Cheque/DD should be in favor of "AIDSCON - Chandigarh SACS".

OR

Delegates may also submit registration fee online in the account "AIDSCON-Chandigarh SACS", SBI, Sector 16, Chandigarh. Bank Account No. – 39760390777, IFSC code – SBIN0050736 through NEFT. The scanned copy of registration form depicting the UTR No. and date of transaction along with scanned copy of details of submission of fee may be submitted to e-mail id chandigarhsacs@gmail.com

5. The registration fee once paid will not be refunded under any circumstances
6. The registration to the conference is non-transferable
7. The certificate will be distributed on the last day of the Conference.
8. For any query kindly write to chandigarhsacs@gmail.com or call on official phone numbers during office hours (10:00 am 5:00 pm) on all working days (Monday to Friday).

Guidelines for submission of abstracts for oral and posters presentation

1. Abstract should be submitted in **English**
2. Abstract must be submitted on or before **31st January, 2025**
3. Abstracts must be submitted by e-mail/mail. Please indicate clearly as subject "**Abstract submission for AIDSCON - 13**"
4. **Format for abstracts**
 - a) Title - Should be brief and explicit without any abbreviations
 - b) Name of Authors & Co-Authors
 - c) Text of Abstract – Not exceeding **250 words**, should include background, objectives, methods, results and conclusion
 - d) Presenting Author – Presenting author must register for the conference and pay requisite registration fee. Only one person will be permitted to present and will be awarded certificate of presentation
5. The size of the poster for poster presentation should be **3 ft. x 4 ft**
6. The abstracts would be reviewed by technical committee and selected abstracts would be allocated slot for presentation during the conference. The delegates may register for the conference in advance and may share abstract later but on or before **31st January 2025**
7. Various themes which would be covered during the conference include: Prevention of HIV Transmission, Epidemiology & Surveillance, Injecting Drug Use and HIV/AIDS, Dynamics of Transmission of HIV & STIs among high-risk groups, Care, Support & Treatment, Mainstreaming, Blood Safety, and Current and Future Challenges etc. The thrust would be on achieving 95:95:95 target to end the HIV epidemic as public health threat by 2030.
8. All abstracts (oral or poster) submitted for the conference would be the property of Chandigarh SACS and would be used by Chandigarh SACS as per requirement

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Guidelines for Oral Presentation during the conference

1. Audio-visual aids would be provided by Chandigarh SACS
2. The delegates would be given a maximum of 10 minutes for presentation including 8 minutes for presentation and 2 minutes for discussion
3. Session chair will have right to terminate any running presentation in case delegate exceeds the allotted time
4. Presenter must ensure that there is no copyright and trademark violation in their presentation
5. Delegate must carry their presentation in USB drive which should be free from any virus or malware
6. Ensure that delegates reach the venue well in advance and copy the presentation in audio-visual system with the help of audio-visual assistant
7. Ensure that presenting delegate is registered after duly paying registration fee



How to Reach Chandigarh/Venue of the Conference

1. Delegates will make their own arrangements for travel, boarding and lodging for attending the conference. Chandigarh SACS will not bear any expenditure on the same. Chandigarh SACS may facilitate the process of making boarding and lodging arrangements for delegates on timely receipt of request from them.
2. The venue of the conference is about 9 Km from Chandigarh Railway Station and about 25 Km from Chandigarh/Mohali Airport. It takes about half-an-hour to reach the venue from Chandigarh Railway Station about one hour from Chandigarh/Mohali Airport.
3. For local travel delegates may hire web-based cab services from Ola cabs, Uber, etc. besides other mode of travel like bus, prepaid taxi service at airport etc.

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Popular tourist attractions at Chandigarh

Chandigarh, the capital of the northern Indian states of Punjab and Haryana, was designed by the Swiss-French modernist architect, Le Corbusier. Picturesquely located at the foothills of Shivaliks, it is known as one of the best experiments in urban planning and modern architecture in the twentieth century in India. Chandigarh derives its name from the temple of "Chandi Mandir" located in the vicinity of the site selected for the city. The deity 'Chandi', the goddess of power and a fort of 'garh' laying beyond the temple gave the city its name "Chandigarh-The City Beautiful". Besides many tourist locations, the following are the key tourist attraction in or around Chandigarh.

<p>1. The Rock Garden</p> <p>The Rock Garden is a sculpture garden. It is spread over an area of 40 acres. It is completely built of industrial and home waste and thrown-away items. It consists of man-made interlinked waterfalls and many other sculptures that have been made of scrap and other kinds of wastes (bottles, glasses, bangles, tiles, ceramic pots, sinks, electrical waste, broken pipes, etc.) which are placed in walled paths</p>	
<p>2.</p> 	<p>Sukhna Lake</p> <p>Sukhna Lake is a reservoir at the foothills of the Himalayas. This 3 km² rain fed lake was created in 1958 by damming the Sukhna Choe, a seasonal stream coming down from the Shivalik Hills. People visit this place in the morning to enjoy the cool breeze and the beauty of nature. Chandigarh Sukhna Lake serves as a great picnic spot and an apt place for pursuing water sport activities like boating, yachting and water skiing etc. The atmosphere over here is very serene and thus apt for meditating. Also, you can savor the melodious humming of birds. People come here in the evening time to forget their worries and relax for a while. So, if you want to rejuvenate yourself, then Sukhna Lake is the perfect destination for you</p>

3.		<p>Chandigarh Bird Park The Department of Forest & Wildlife, UT Chandigarh has developed Chandigarh Bird Park at Nagar Van behind Sukhna Lake, Chandigarh for creating awareness among general public towards bird conservation especially the young minds on nature education and conservation. Smt. Savita Kovind, Hon'ble First Lady of India inaugurated the Chandigarh Bird Park on 16th November, 2021. The Park have been created for the exotic birds which are commonly bred in India. https://chandigarhforest.gov.in/chandigarh-bird-park-2/</p>
4.	<p>Pinjore Gardens Pinjore Gardens, also called Yadavindra Gardens are 20 km from Chandigarh on the Chandigarh Shimla national highway number 21. Taxis and buses ply regularly between Pinjore, Kalka, Panchkula and Chandigarh. The fascinating Mughal Garden (now popularly called Pinjore Garden) covers a total area of 100 acres. A plants nursery, a Japanese garden, historic palaces and picnic lawns await tourists. Especially at weekends, fountains are switched on and after dusk, lights pick up the beauty of the palaces by night. Nawab Fadaai Khan, a great architect and foster brother of the Mughal emperor Aurangzeb is said to have designed the idyllic gardens. He planned the Gardens on the classical Charbagh pattern, giving the area a central water way.</p>	
5.		<p>Capitol Complex & Open Hand monument Chandigarh Capitol Complex is located in the sector-1 of Chandigarh city. It is a government compound designed by the architect Le Corbusier and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is spread over an area of around 100 acres and is a prime manifestation of</p>

	<p>Chandigarh's architecture. It comprises three buildings, three monuments and a lake, including the Palace of Assembly or Legislative Assembly, Secretariat, High Court, Open Hand Monument, Geometric Hill and Tower of Shadows. It was added in UNESCO World Heritage Site List in 2016.</p> <p>The Open Hand Monument is a symbolic structure designed by the architect Le Corbusier and located in the Capitol Complex of the Indian city and union territory of Chandigarh. It is the emblem or symbol of the Government of Chandigarh and symbolizes "the hand to give and the hand to take; peace and prosperity, and the unity of mankind". The largest example of Le Corbusier's many Open Hand sculptures; it stands 26 meters (85 ft) high. The metal structure with vanes is 14 meters (46 ft) high, weighs 50 short tons (100,000 lb), and was designed to rotate in the wind</p>
<p>6. Govt. Museum & Art Gallery Government Museum and Art Gallery, Chandigarh, is a premier museum of North India having collections of Gandharan sculptures, Pahari and Rajasthani miniature paintings. It owes its existence to the partition of India in August, 1947. Prior to the partition, the collections of art objects, paintings and sculptures were housed in the Central Museum, Lahore, the then capital of Punjab. After partition, the division of collections took place on April 10, 1948. Sixty percent of objects were retained by Pakistan and forty percent collection fell in the share of India</p>	
<p>7.</p> 	<p>Timber Trail</p> <p>Timber Trail Hotels is a chain of resorts in Parwanoo; Himachal Pradesh nestled among the Shivalik Ranges. All the properties are elegantly built and located in a pristine location amidst the lush green mountains. The resorts are accessible by cable car which in itself an extraordinary experience. Resorts cater to every requirement of visitors - luxury, serenity, and relaxation. It is about 40 km from Chandigarh</p>