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<b>Executive Members</b> Dr. Sridevi Amma, Trivendram Dr. Kiran Mishra, New Delhi Dr. Geeta Jayaram, New Delhi Dr. John Thomas, Bangalore Dr. Lalita P. Joshi, Nasik Dr. Nilima Dhar, Jaipur	3. Message-Outgoing President 2 4. Calling all organisers 4 5. News from 4	
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### Highlights of XIX Annual Conference of Indian Academy of Cytologists held at Udaipur on 10-11-12 th February 1990

The beautiful city of lakes-Udaipur, awaited us in February. It was co-incidental that the Pathology Department of R. N. T. Medical College was also celebrating its Silver Jubilee and through the good offices of Dr. M. K Dube, we were able to come to Udaipur.

The Workshop on 10th February 1990 on Intra-abdominal aspirations was ably conducted by Dr. Chandrekha Shroff of Bombay with the help of Dr. Kusum Kapila. Dr. Bhambhani and Dr. Kiran Misra. We were fortunate to have Dr. Chaubal, a radiologist from Bombay whose valuable hints on guided aspiration were much appreciated.

The inaugural address of Conference by Dr. Ms Girija Vyas, the State Minister for Tourism was a treat to listen to. Few politicians in our country combine philosophy and politics so well. The oration by Dr. Padam K. Agarwal indicated the years of dedication to cytology. We were fortunate in having Dr. Matilde Boon and Dr. L. P. Kok from Netherlands as Guest Speakers. Their work on cervical cytology and application of microwave technology opened up new vistas in progress of cytology. The Nalinibai Thakar Award was won by Dr. Shikha Bose of New Delhi and Jwal devi Award by Ms. Mary Kutty John of Trivendram. No prize for immunochemistry was awarded.

The conference dinner at the Nehru Garden on Ratehsagar Lake was like a visit to the fairy land. Twinkling lights, live music and hospitality of Udaipur left a dream-like impression on our minds.

The slide seminar by Geeta Jayaram was a treat to listen to, as expected.

The symposium on Special Staining Techniques was conducted by Dr. Kusum Verma, as Dr Nalini Venugopal could not attend the conference. It covered application of simple histology staining techniques to the most sophisticated immunocytochemistry and electron microscopy. More than 50 papers covering almost the entire gamut of cytology were presented, at the Conference. Dr. Dube and his team worked untiringly to make us comfortable and attend to so many of our demands.

As we bid adieu to Udaipur, it was with a sense of fulfillment for having listened to rich scientific discourse in the midst of natural beauty.

### **Message from outgoing President of IAC**

I have laid down the office of President of Indian Academy of Cytology. I am happy with the way our academy has grown over the past 19 years. It has 352 members actively engaged in cytology on its roll. The academy has achieved the objectives of encouraging research in clinical and basic cytology in India; and having cytology being accepted as a discipline by clinical colleagues. Accreditation of laboratories for diagnostic work and training and examination has been done. Cytotechnicians and cytotechnologists are being trained with the generous financial support from ICMR. A national examination for cytotechnicians and cytotechnologist is being conducted annually. Fellowships are being offered to budding cytopathologists for further training.

All this is not enough. Each one of us has to strive hard to train more people in cytology and to boost the membership drive of the academy. I hope that our membership grows to 500 by the time we complete 25 years of our existence.

I thank all the members for having given an opportunity to me to serve the academy first as Secretary and then as the President. I wish it success in its future endeavours.

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### **Cytology Training Course Held at Cytology Clinic, <sup>AMNH</sup> Cama And Albless Hospital Bombay.**

The 17th Annual course in Cancer Detection concluded in Bombay on Saturday, 28th April 90. 15 Doctors and 15 technicians were trained in early detection of Cancer Cervix at Cama and Albless Hospital under the auspices of the Association of Medical Women in India.

Dr. Jyotiben Trivedi, who presided over the function said that the Association had established the Cancer Detection Centre 20 years ago at the Cama and Albless Hospital where over 60,000 women had received a free check up. She said that rural camps conducted by the same group were very popular and disseminated the much needed information on Cancer to the rural population.

Dr. Jayshree Roy Chowdhury, Director of Chittaranjan Cancer Research Centre at Calcutta delivering the Advani-Braganza Oration said that cervical cancer continues to be very prevalent in India, whereas in the developed countries it was controlled due to facilities for early detection. Since the National Cancer Control programme was launched by the government in India in 1984, the need was felt for training adequate personnel. She congratulated the organisers for their persistent efforts at training and hoped that they could get all the supports to extend their training facilities.

