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Message from the President

Dear members,

Cytology is a rapidly evolving discipline, and we are proud that our Academy (IAC) remains one of the most active and dynamic cytology associations globally. While some may perceive cytology as a declining field, it remains an indispensable component of modern medical practice, due to its simplicity and rapid turnaround of Fine Needle Aspiration Cytology (FNAC). Today, minimally invasive sampling, high-resolution imaging and ancillary techniques enable accurate triage and targeted personalized therapy. Far from fading, cytology is evolving to redefine the frontier of modern patient care.

Indian Academy of Cytologists takes immense pride in its active global footprint, highlighted by the ever-increasing representation of our esteemed faculty at premier international conferences. In May 2026, Dr Radhika Srinivasan and Dr RGW Pinto led a strong contingent of Indian speakers at the Asian Federation of Cytology Societies (AFCS) companion meeting at Hong Kong, delivering an impactful session on Effusion Cytopathology. Earlier, in April 2026, Dr RGW Pinto served as Chairman of the 7th South Asian Academy of Cytopathology & Histopathology Conference (SACH 2026) in Paro, Bhutan, where nearly a dozen IAC faculty members shared their groundbreaking work alongside international experts.

Looking ahead, the 46th European Congress of Cytology is scheduled for 4th to 7th October 2026 in Antwerp, Belgium. I highly encourage our faculty members to robustly represent the IAC on this prestigious European platform. Our key priority remains to inspire young faculty to champion cytology as we continue to excel on the international stage.

In an era where diagnostic methods evolve to provide definitive patient care, continuous learning remains our greatest asset. "The more you learn, the more you realize how much there is to learn" The IAC fellowships offer an unparalleled opportunity to master next-generation diagnostic modalities and modern reporting systems at premier institutions. It is a matter of concern that the number of young cytologists applying for fellowships has been declining in recent years. I passionately encourage our young residents and faculty members to embrace this unique opportunity to enhance their diagnostic skills, broaden their expertise and contribute in shaping the future of cytology.

Our state chapters are doing phenomenal work in expanding the reach of cytology to the farthest corners of India. We warmly invite states with established cytology practices and

a history of hosting the Annual IAC Conferences, to form their own state chapters and help to uplift and standardize cytology practices across the region.

Following our highly successful conference in Puducherry, where I was deeply honoured to assume the role of President of this prestigious Academy, we are now eagerly looking forward to our next landmark gathering at the historic City of Nawabs, Lucknow. The organizing team led by Dr Manoj Jain and Dr Ram Naval Rao, has curated an exceptional scientific program. This year the core focus is on cutting-edge advancements: advanced molecular techniques in cytological diagnosis and the rapidly evolving frontier of digital cytopathology. I wish their team grand success. I warmly welcome you all and strongly urge our faculty, residents, and practicing pathologists to participate actively in all the sessions.

On a final note, I sincerely seek your valued presence at the general body meeting and look forward to your active participation, meaningful discussion and valuable suggestions.

With warm regards

Dr Manju Kaushal

President, Indian Academy of Cytologists
Emeritus Professor & Consultant, Pathology
ABVIMS; Dr RML Hospital, New Delhi.





Message from the Secretary

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

It gives me immense pleasure to connect with you once again through this edition of the IAC News Bulletin.

Whenever I reflect on the journey of the Indian Academy of Cytologists, I am reminded that the IAC is much more than an institution, it is a family built over generations. Its strength comes from the people who have nurtured it, believed in it and contributed to its growth.

I feel deeply privileged to serve the IAC as its Secretary and am especially grateful to our President, Dr. Manju Kaushal, whose guidance, encouragement and constant support have been invaluable to me.

One of the greatest privileges of being part of the IAC is learning from our senior members. Their generosity, mentorship and willingness to support the Academy and its younger colleagues go far beyond their formal responsibilities. Their presence is a blessing and a living link to the rich legacy of cytopathology in our country. I hope we can carry this spirit forward for the generations to come.

It is equally heartening to see the growing international visibility of the IAC, with our members increasingly contributing as speakers, faculty, presenters and leaders on global academic platforms. This recognition is a matter of great pride and inspires us to continue striving for academic excellence.

As we look forward to the most awaited event on our calendar, I warmly welcome you all to CYTOCON 2026 in Lucknow, from 20th to 24th November 2026. My sincere appreciation goes to Dr. Manoj Jain, Dr. Vinita Agarwal and Dr. Ram Nawal Rao for taking on the immense responsibility of organising CYTOCON 2026. Their dedication and tireless efforts behind the scenes will undoubtedly make this a memorable occasion for the Academy.

For me, CYTOCON has always been much more than a conference. It is the time when our widely dispersed IAC family comes together, to reconnect with old friends, make new ones, exchange ideas, learn from one another and celebrate the bonds that make our profession so rewarding.

I look forward to welcoming each one of you to Lucknow. May CYTOCON 2026 be remembered not only for its scientific excellence, but also for the warmth, camaraderie and friendships that make the IAC truly special.

As I continue in this role, I remain conscious of the honour and privilege it carries. My heartfelt thanks to every member who contributes through teaching, research, academic programmes, State Chapter activities, mentorship, participation or simply by being there when the Academy needs you.

With gratitude for the legacy we have inherited and appreciation for all those who continue to guide and strengthen our Academy, I look forward to seeing you all in Lucknow. Perhaps what makes the IAC truly special is the sense of belonging we find whenever we come together.

With warm regards,

Dr Nalini Gupta

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Scientific Program CYTOCON 2026

Day 1: 20th November 2026 (Friday) : Pre-Conference CME

Molecular Cytopathology: Beyond Morphology, Towards Precision

Moderator: Dr. Shyama Jain & Dr. Meeta Singh

08.00 AM onwards	Registration
09.00 AM 09.10 AM	Introduction to CME
09.10 AM 11.00 PM	Session I - Basics of Molecular Cytopathology Chairperson: Dr. Poonam Ehlenze, Dr S P Sinhasan, Dr. Punam Bhadani
09.10 AM 09.40 AM	Basics of Molecular Pathology and Setting up of Molecular Laboratory
09.40 AM 10.00 AM	Cytology samples and sample processing —Dr. Nimisha Dhankar (MAMC, New Delhi)
10.00 AM 10.20 AM	Molecular Markers in Thyroid Tumors —Dr. Meeta Singh (MAMC, New Delhi)
10.20 AM 10.40 AM	Molecular Markers in Breast Carcinoma —Dr. Shilpi Agarwal (LHMC, New Delhi)
10.40 AM 11.00 AM	Latest Biomarkers in Cervical Cancer —Dr. Pooja Bakshi (SGRH, New Delhi)
11.00 AM 11.20 AM	TEA BREAK
11.20 AM 12.55 PM	Session II - Basics of Molecular Cytopathology Chairperson: Dr. Kusum Verma, Dr Aruna Prayaga, Dr. Madhumati Goel
11.20 AM 11.40 AM	Molecular Updates in Salivary Gland Tumors —Dr. Nalini Gupta (PGIMER, Chandigarh)
11.40 AM 12.00 PM	Molecular diagnostics in Ovarian Neoplasms —Dr. Sandeep Mathur (AIIMS, New Delhi)
12.00 PM 12.20 PM	Molecular Updates in Lung Tumors —Dr. Deepali Jain (AIIMS, New Delhi)
12.20 PM 12.40 PM	Molecular Approach in Potpourri of Cases - Perspective from West —Dr. Vinod Shidham (USA)



12.40 PM	Molecular Approach in Matastatic Carcinoma Cases
12.55 PM	—Dr. Ram Nawal Rao (SGPGI, Lucknow)
12.55 PM	Industry Sponsored Session
01.10 PM	
01.10 PM	Lunch
02.00 PM	Session II - Role of Cytology Samples in Molecular Diagnostics - A Case based approach
03.15 PM	Chairperson: Dr. Atul Gupta, Dr. N Krishnani, Dr Vibha Dutta
02.00 PM	Potpourri of cases
02.15 PM	—Dr. Kusum Kapila (Kuwait)
02.15 PM	Pancreaticobiliary
02.30 PM	—Dr. Haimanti Sarin (Medanta)
02.30 PM	Soft Tissues
02.45 PM	—Dr. Bharat Rekhi (TMH, Mumbai)
02.45 PM	Urinary Bladder & Kidneys
03.00 PM	—Dr. Prajwala Gupta (ABVIMS, RML Hospital, New Delhi)
03.00 PM	Lymphomas
03.15 PM	—Dr. Khaliqur Rehman (SGPGI, Lucknow)
03.15 PM	Session III - Panel Discussion
04.15 PM	Chairperson: Dr Nuzhat Hussain, Dr. Uma Handa, Dr Sunita Singh
	Moderator: Dr. Shyama Jain
04.15 PM	Vote of Thanks
04.25 PM	
04.25 PM	Tea Break
04.45 PM	
05.45 PM	IAC executive meeting and JOC committee meeting
05.45 PM	Inauguration of Cytocon 2026
07.00 PM	
07.00 PM	Cultural Programme and Faculty Dinner
Onwards	



Scientific Program CYTOCON 2026

Day 2: 21st November 2026 (Saturday) - Conference

08.00 AM onwards	Registration			
09.00 AM	Prof. P. N. Wahi Oration Chairpersons: Dr. Manju Kaushal, Dr. Manoj Jain			
10.00 AM	—Dr. Bharat Rekhi, TMH Mumbai			
10.00 AM	IAC Academy Guest Lecture Chairpersons: Dr. Shyama Jain, Dr. Dev Prasoon			
11.00 AM	—Dr. Pawel Gajdzis, Poland			
11.00 AM	Tea Break			
11.15 AM	Oral Award Paper: Nalini Bai Thakkar (NBT) Award			
12.30 PM	Chairpersons: Dr. Reena Bhardwaj, Dr. Vinita Aggarwal Selected Candidates			
12.30 PM	Oral Award Paper Jwala Devi Award			
01.00 PM	Chairpersons: Dr. M M Kamal, Dr. Pradyumn Singh Selected Candidates			
01.00 PM	Industrial/ Sponsored Session - Becton Dickinson (BD)			
01.20 PM	Lunch Break			
02.15 PM	IAC Academy Oration Chairpersons: Dr. Arvind Rajwanshi, Dr Reeni Malik			
03.15 PM	—Danijela Vrdoljik, Mozetik			
03.15 PM	Industrial/ Sponsored Session			
03.30 PM	Poster & Oral Proffered Paper Presentations (Halls - A, B, C, D) - Selected Candidates			
05.00 PM	HALL - A Name of Faculty: Dr. Niraj Kumari, Dr Sudha Iyengar Sr. No.: 1 to 11	HALL - B Name of Faculty: Dr. Madhu Kumar, Dr. Shruti Gupta Sr. No.: 12 to 22	HALL - C Name of Faculty: Dr. Chanchal Rana, Dr. Amit Adhya Sr. No.: 22 to 33	HALL - D Name of Faculty: Dr. Pavneet Selhi, Dr. Meeta Singh Sr. No.: 34 to 44
05.00 PM				
05.15 PM				
05.15 PM	General Body Meeting (GBM)			
07.15 PM Onwards	Banquet & Gala Dinner			



Scientific Program CYTOCON 2026

Day 3: 22nd November 2026 (Sunday) - Conference

08.00 AM	Platform / Oral Paper Presentation: (Halls - A, B, C, D) - Selected Candidates			
09.00 AM	HALL - A Name of Faculty: Dr. Rajni Yadav, Dr. Mahendra Singh Sr. No.: 45 to 51	HALL - B Name of Faculty: Dr. Palash Mandal, Dr. Subrat Chandra Sr. No.: 52 to 58	HALL - C Name of Faculty: Dr. Charanjeet Ahluwalia, Dr. Suresh Babu Sr. No.: 59 to 65	HALL - D Name of Faculty: Dr. Jasvinder Bhatia, Dr. Ravi Hari Phulware Sr No.: 66 to 72
09.00 AM	Ernest Fernandes Award Slide Seminar —Dr. Neelaiah Siddaraju			
10.30 AM	Chairpersons: Dr. Nalini Gupta, Dr. Ram Nawal Rao			
10.30 AM	Dr. Subhash Kumari Gupta Memorial Lecture — Dr. Poonam Vohra			
11.30 AM	Chairpersons: Dr. Nalini Gupta, Dr. Sandeep Mathur			
11.30 AM	TEA BREAK			
11.45 AM	SYMPOSIUM - Guided FNAC of Abdominal and Pelvic Organs			
01.45 PM	Chairpersons: Dr. Manjula Jain, Dr. V Iyer Moderators: Dr. R.G.Wiseman Pinto			
11.45 AM	Introduction			
11.50 AM	—Dr. R.G. Wiseman Pinto, Goa			
11.50 AM	FNAC of Gall Bladder Lesions			
12.00 PM	—Dr. Rajni Yadav, New Delhi			
12.00 PM	Role of FNAC in the Evaluation of Hepatic Lesions			
12.10 PM	Dr. Rimlee Dutta, New Delhi			
12.10 PM	Pheochromocytoma and Paraganglioma : Patterns, Pitfalls and Practical Diagnosis			
12.20 PM	—Dr. Nalini Gupta, Chandigarh			
12.20 PM	Cytology of Rare Pancreatic Lesions			
12.30 PM	Dr. Ram Nawal Rao, Lucknow			
12.30 PM	Role of FNAC, Image Guided in Abdominal in Abdominal and Pelvic Soft Tissue and Bone Tumors —Dr. Bharat Rekhi, Mumbai			
12.40 PM	An interesting Case			
12.45 PM	—Dr. Dilip Ramrakhiani, Jaipur			



12.45 PM	Cytomorphological features of GIST			
12.50 PM	—Dr. Palash Mandal, Kolkata			
12.50 PM	IHC Markers newly described			
01.00 PM	—Dr. Tomoo Itoh, Japan			
01.00 PM	Molecular Testing of Cytology specimens			
01.15 PM	—Dr. Gloria Hopkins Sura, USA			
01.15 PM	Metastatic Melanoma to the Lung - the Challenge of Cytological Diagnosis			
01.25 PM	—Dr. Nadezdha Melnikova, Russia			
01.25 PM	Discussion: Q&A			
01.35 PM	—All Speakers			
01.35 PM	Industrial/ Sponsored Session- Digital Cytopathology, Hamamatsu NanoZoomer			
01.45 PM				
01.35 PM	Lunch Break			
02.30 PM	Col. D. B. Nayar Memorial Award - Selected Candidates			
03.30 PM	Chairpersons: Dr. Prabal Deb, Dr. Naresh Rai, Dr U S Dinesh			
03.40 PM	Poster Presentation, Proffered Papers: (Halls - A, B, C, D) - Selected Candidates			
05.10 PM	HALL - A Name of Faculty: Dr. Debasis Gochait, Dr. Ashok Singh Sr. No.: 73 to 77	HALL - B Name of Faculty: Dr. Vaishali Walke, Dr Santosh Mandal Sr. No.: 78 to 82	HALL - C Name of Faculty: Dr. Indranil, Dr. Bodal Vijay Sr. No.: 83 to 87	HALL - D Name of Faculty: Dr. Parimal, Dr. Ojas Gupta Sr. No.: 88 to 94
05.10 PM	Tea Break			
05.25 PM	Quiz for Postgraduates			
06.30 PM	Moderator: Dr. Riddhi Jaiswal, Dr. Divya Gupta			
06.30 PM	Award Distribution and Valedictory Session			
07.30 PM				



Detailed agenda for the EC meeting (virtual, and in physical mode) and General Body meeting during CYTOCON 2026, Lucknow

1. Opening remarks by the President IAC
2. Approval of the minutes of the previous EC and General Body meeting
3. Report of Secretary
4. Report of Treasurer
5. Report of the Editor-in-Chief of Journal of Cytology
6. Report of the Editor of IAC Newsletter
7. Report of the Chairperson of the Accreditation and Examination committee
8. Report of the Chairperson of the External Quality Assurance program
9. Report of the Webmaster
10. Report of Chairperson Standing Committee for international affairs
11. Report of Rule master
12. Nomination/election of President Elect IAC for the succeeding year
13. Nomination/election of Secretary IAC for the succeeding year, if retiring
14. Nomination/election of Treasurer IAC for the succeeding year, if retiring
15. Nomination/election of members for Executive Council in place of members who are retiring
16. Nomination/ election of Editor of Journal of Cytology, if retiring
17. Nomination/ election of Editor of IAC Newsletter, if retiring
18. Nomination of Chairperson- Accreditation & Examination Committee, if retiring
19. Nomination of Chairperson of the EQA Program and Digital EQA, if retiring
20. Nomination of Web-master, if retiring
21. Nomination/ election of Indian Editor of Acta Cytologica, if retiring
22. Nomination/ election of Chairperson of International affairs committee, if retiring
23. To select the awardee for Dr. P. N. Wahi oration for 2027
24. To select the awardee for the IAC Academy oration for 2027
25. To select the awardee for Dr. SKG Memorial lecture for 2027
26. To select the awardee(s) for the Guest lectures for 2027
27. To selection the awardee for Ernest Fernandes slide seminar for 2027
28. To declare the winners for Sushil Malhotra prize, Dr. Bhaskar Reddy prize, Dr. Satya Monga award and Dr. Monisha & Dr. Panna Choudhury Memorial award
29. To select the awardee(s) for IAC fellowship for 2027
30. To select the venue for annual national conference in 2027 and 2028
31. To select the venue for annual examination for cytotechnicians and cytotechnologists for 2027
32. To select the topics and moderators for CME, symposium and workshops for conference in 2027
33. To approve/ consider New State Chapter application
34. To discuss issues related to IAC account and KYC of IAC account and Issue related to PAN card and PAN number of IAC and IAC Registration
35. Senior members (>70 years): registration fees exemption; A personal invitation from Organizing secretary of the conference; Felicitation of Senior members (1 or 2 per year- with fixed amount)
36. Members applying for a post in executive should have physical attendance in GBM for the last 5 consecutive years; online attendance not to be considered
37. Anyone holding two posts- nominated or elected: Clarify and add in SOP
38. SOP- Updating the procedure of Postal ballot to electronic
39. One workshop for cytotechnicians in annual conference; Quiz to be held at state conference and winners come to national conference for competing with other state winners to select a national quiz master; Debate at state level on one topic and winners to compete at national level; To involve youngsters from different states for quiz and debate; breakfast session with expert
40. A & E agenda to be discussed by Dr M M Kamal; Rs 10000/- for external examiner only + 50% Of the fees
41. Digital EQAS – Zoom meeting
42. JDA, NBT and DBN- eligibility criteria
43. To discuss any other agenda sent by any IAC members
44. Any other matter with the permission of the chair
45. Vote of thanks by Secretary IAC

REPORT OF

Cytotechnicians and Cytotechnologists Examination IAC, 2026

Submitted by **Dr. Poonam Abhay Elhence**

Professor, Pathology & Lab Medicine, AIIMS, Jodhpur

The Theory and Practical Examination for Cytotechnologists and Cytotechnicians, conducted by the A & E Committee of IAC, was successfully held on 21st and 22nd September 2026.

A total of 14 candidates appeared for the examination, comprising 7 Cytotechnologists and 7 Cytotechnicians. The candidates represented reputed institutions from Tata Memorial Centre, Mumbai; Kidwai Memorial Institute, Bengaluru; Chennai; and Vellore.

The examination was convened by Dr. Poonam Abhay

Elhence, Professor, Department of Pathology & Lab Medicine, AIIMS, Jodhpur.

Dr. Naresh Rai, Professor & Head, JNU, Jaipur, served as the External Examiner. The Internal Examiners were Dr. Deepak Vedant, Dr. Sudeep Khara, and Dr. Poonam Elhence.

The examination was conducted successfully over the two days, providing a comprehensive assessment of the candidates' theoretical knowledge and practical competencies in cytotechnology.



Sitting, Left to right: Dr. Purnima (SR), Dr. Sudeep Khara (Additional Professor), Dr. Poonam Elhence (Professor), Dr. Naresh Rai (External Examiner), Dr. Deepak Vedant (Additional Professor), Ms. Sangeeta (Technical Assistant); **Standing, Left to right:** Mr. N. Kuttiraj, Mr. Manoj Kumar, Ms. Anjushree, Ms. Sunita, Ms. Vidyashree M M, Ms. Apoorva GR, Ms. Riddhi Patel, Ms. Sadhana Yadav, Ms. Pratiksha Shelar, Ms. Kusum Gupta, Ms. Shreya Sathe, Ms. Harshada Punugade, Ms. Anam Shaikh, Ms. Swati Patil.

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Announcement for applying for IAC fellowship

- Call for Applications for IAC Fellowship for 2027
- IAC Fellowship is offered to pathologists with MD in Pathology or DNB in Pathology or equivalent. Details regarding award, number, duration, eligibility, and procedure for getting the fellowship are available in IAP-SOP under Part D-Miscellaneous / IAC Fellowship.
- Regarding application form for fellowship and centres for doing fellowship, details are available on IAC website www.cytoindia.com under the link IAC Fellowship.
- The candidates should carefully follow the details for timely processing of the application.



Bidding for National Conferences 2028, 2029

- Call is made for submission bid for hosting CYTOCON 2028-29. The bid letter signed by the authorized person, including the details of the infrastructure should be sent to the secretary Indian Academy of Cytologists by email: secty.iac@gmail.com with a CC the e-mail to nalini203@gmail.com.



REPORT OF

IAC UP Chapter (UPCYTOCON) 2026

Submitted by **Dr. Ram Nawal Rao**

Professor, Pathology, SGPGI, Lucknow

President, IAC, UP Chapter

The IAC-UP Chapter (UPCYTOCON) 2026 was successfully organized on 29th-30th August 2026 at Uttar Pradesh University of Medical Sciences (UP-UMS), Saifai, Etawah. The conference brought together cytopathologists, pathologists, faculty members, postgraduate students and researchers for academic deliberations, scientific presentations, and interactive discussions in the field of cytopathology.

Participation and Scientific Contributions

- Total delegates registered: 246
- Posters received: 49
- Oral papers presented: 34
- Quiz candidates: 53

The scientific program covered a broad spectrum of contemporary cytopathology, including thyroid cytology, FNAC in infectious lesions, molecular techniques, immunocytochemistry, respiratory cytology, cervical cancer screening, fluid cytology, lymph-node cytology, salivary gland FNAC, cytology following chemoradiation, testicular FNAC and artificial intelligence in cytopathology.

Key Scientific Lectures

The program featured several clinically relevant and contemporary academic sessions, including:

- The Mystery Analogy: Grey Zone in Thyroid Cytology — Dr Kachnar Varma
- FNAC in Infectious Lesions — Dr Poonam Elhence
- Immunocytochemistry and Molecular Techniques on Cellblock of Thyroid Lesions — Dr Ram Nawal Rao
- Precision Unleashed: The Transformative Role of Cell Block Immunohistochemistry in the

New Era of Oncology — Dr Nishat Afroz

- Fluid Cytology — Dr Jyotsna Madan
- Diagnostic Pitfall in Lymph Node Cytology — Dr Atul Gupta
- Salivary Gland FNA: A Pattern-Based Approach — Dr Anurag Gupta
- Cytological Study in Malignant Lesions after Chemo-Irradiation Therapy — Dr Kafil Akhtar

Dr Padam Kumari Agarwal Oration

A major highlight of UP CYTOCON 2026 was the Dr Padam Kumari Agarwal Oration, delivered by Dr Nalini Gupta, Professor and Head, Department of Cytology and Gynecological Pathology, PGIMER, Chandigarh. Topic was “Changing Trends in Respiratory Cytology: A Journey of More than 25 Years”

The oration provided an insightful overview of the evolution of respiratory cytology over more than two decades, highlighting changing diagnostic approaches and the expanding role of cytopathology in the contemporary era.

Chairpersons:

- Dr D. P. Lokwani
- Dr Sudha Iyengar
- Dr Suresh Babu

The oration was one of the key academic highlights of the conference, reflecting the rich academic legacy and continuing contribution of the IAC-UP Chapter to cytopathology.

Potpourri of interesting cases

A fascinating series of intriguing and diagnostically challenging cases were presented by Dr Madhu



kumar, Dr Mala Sagar, Dr Shilpa Vahikar, Dr Aprajita Goel and other esteemed faculty members offering valuable insights into diverse and thought-provoking diagnostic dilemmas.

Panel Discussion

Another important academic attraction was the panel discussion: "AI in Cytopathology: A Copilot Approach"

The session explored the emerging role of Artificial Intelligence as an assistive tool in cytopathology, with discussion on its potential applications, opportunities and challenges in diagnostic practice.

Panelists: Dr Seema Dayal, Dr Sanjeev Kumar Singh, Dr Jay Kumar Chaurasia, Dr Arjun Singh

The discussion provided an interactive platform for deliberating how AI can complement, rather than replace, the expertise of practicing cytopathologists.

Poster Presentations:

49 posters were received and evaluated.

Poster Awards winners

1st Prize: Dr Shweta-UPUMS, Saifai

2nd Prize: Dr Urvashi Sachan -KGMU, Lucknow

3rd Prize: Dr Rishabh Mishra- BRD, Gorakhpur

PG Quiz

The conference also witnessed enthusiastic participation in the academic quiz, with 53 candidates competing. The winners were

1st Prize - Dr Priyanka Mishra, UPUMS, Saifai

2nd Prize - Dr Saniya, UPUMS, Saifai

3rd Prize - Dr Urvashi Sachan, KGMU, Lucknow

The scientific program concluded with the GBM followed by the Quiz and Valedictory Function, followed by the conference banquet.

Second day events-:

Oral Paper

A total of 34 Oral papers were received and evaluated

Oral Paper winners

- 1st Prize: Dr Ananya Kapoor — Regency Hospital, Kanpur
- 2nd Prize: Dr Anam Nayeem — AMU
- 3rd Prize: Dr Saba Shahin — GSVM, Kanpur and Dr Aarushi Sharma -ASMC, Basti

Workshops

On the second day, two workshops were organized, one was on liquid based cervical cytology while another was on Squash cytology.

The liquid based cytology workshop was moderated by Dr Madhu Kumar from King George's Medical University, Lucknow and accompanied faculty members similarly Squash cytology workshop was moderated by Dr Ranjan Agarwal and Dr Harendra Kumar with accompanied faculty members. This was followed by lunch and successful completion of conference.

Venue for upcoming UP CYTOCON 2027:

The name of PGICH, Noida, was proposed to host the next Annual Meeting of the UP Chapter in 2027. The proposal to organize UPCYTOCON 2027 at PGICH, Noida, was unanimously accepted and approved by the EC and GB meetings.

Thank you

Regards

Dr. Ram Nawal Rao

SGPGI, Lucknow (President, IAC UP Chapter)

Dr. Madhu Kumar

KGMU, Lucknow (Secretary IAC UP Chapter)





REPORT OF Goa Chapter of IAC

By **Prof. (Dr.) R.G.W. Pinto**

President Asian Society of Cytology, Ex Dean, Goa University

President

Dr. RGW Pinto

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Dr Ketan Sukthankar

Member

Dr Peter Rodrigues

*IAC Goa is Chapter is an
Academic and Scientific body
and does not have fees or
collects money*

Dr RGW Pinto Professor of Pathology and Chairman International Affairs Committee of IAC was invited for the following Scientific Programmes

1. 7th SACH (South Asian Academy of Cytopathology and Histopathology) at Pato Bhutan on April 21, 22 and 23, 2026.

Dr Pinto was the President of SACH and the Chairman of the Scientific Committee and organising Committee of SACH Conference, Dr KK Prasad was the secretary.

Pathologists from all over india and overseas participated.

2. Dr Pinto was the Chairman, Faculty and Moderator of the AFCS Asian Federation of Cytology Societies Conference in Hong Kong on 8, 9, 10 may 2026.

250 delegates and Faculty from 50 countries participated. Dr Syed Ali President IAC. Dr Roberto Osamura, Japan and Dr Gary Tse Were the coordinators.

3. Dr Pinto was invited as a Visiting Professor of Pathology at JJ Hodpital and Grant Govt Medical College Mumbai.

He spoke on Testes and paratestes, tumor and Tumor like lesions, Role of Cytology and Histopathology.

Dr S Ramraje coordinated

4. Dr Pinto was also invited as a Visiting Professor of Pathology at KJ Somaiya Medical College Sion Mumbai.
5. Dr Pinto has penned several articles on www.pathoindia.com on different topics
6. Dr Pinto guides many MBBS,MDS, MD,DNB,and Superspeciality students in.Goa, india and overseas.
7. Dr Pinto also reports on telepathology, digital slides and delivers lectures all over Goa





REPORT OF

Delhi Chapter of Indian Academy of Cytologists

Submitted by **Dr Shilpi Agarwal**

Director Professor, Department of Pathology, LHMC, New Delhi

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Dr. Meeta Singh

This is to inform you that a workshop and 11th annual conference of DCIAC is being organized by MAMC, New Delhi on the 12th and 13th of September 2026 respectively.

This event is designed to provide a platform for knowledge sharing, skill development, and networking for medical professionals and promises to be an enriching experience for all the attendees.

We look forward to welcoming you to MAMC, New Delhi.

The workshop and conference brochure provided by MAMC, Delhi, with the bank details and DCIAC membership link is enclosed.



11th Annual Conference of Delhi Chapter of Indian Academy of Cytologists



Organised by
Department of Pathology, Maulana Azad Medical College

DATES & SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM



12th September 2026,
SATURDAY

Workshop
Liquid Based Cytology –
A Window to Gynaecological Pathology



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Category	Workshop	Conference	Workshop + Conference
Early Bird (till 31 st July)	1500	2000	3000
Till 31 st August	2000	2000	3500
Later and Spot	2000	2500	4000

RESIDENTS' ARENA

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Oral / Poster
Presentations



Potpourri of
Intriguing Cases



Postgraduate Quiz



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DCIAC 2026

11th Annual Conference of Delhi Chapter of Indian Academy of Cytologists

WORKSHOP : LIQUID BASED CYTOLOGY

Coordinator: Dr. Meeta Singh



WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

8 AM Onwards: Registration			
Time	Topic		Faculty
8:30-8:45 AM	Welcome and Introduction		Dr. Meeta Singh
8:45-9:00 AM	Pre-workshop test		Dr. Nidhi Verma
9:00-9:15 AM	Overview of Bethesda System		Dr. Prajwala Gupta
9:15- 9:35 AM	Negative for Intraepithelial Lesion or Malignancy-NILM (Inflammatory and Infectious lesions)		Dr. Nidhi Verma
9:35- 9:55 AM	Squamous Intra-epithelial Lesions-I (ASC-US, LSIL & it's Diagnostic Dilemmas)		Dr. Haimanti Sarin
9:55- 10:15 AM	Squamous Intra-epithelial Lesions-II (ASC-H, HSIL & it's Diagnostic Dilemmas)		Dr. Charanjeet Ahluwalia
10:15-10:35 AM	Squamous cell Carcinoma & it's Diagnostic Dilemmas		Dr. Meeta Singh
10:35-11:00 AM	TEA BREAK		
11:00- 11:30 AM	Glandular Epithelial Abnormalities & it's Diagnostic Dilemmas		Dr. Shilpi Agarwal
11:30- 11:50 AM	Molecular Testing & Biomarkers in Cervical Cancer		Dr. Pooja Bakshi
11:50- 12:05 PM	Cervical Cancer screening & recommendations		Dr. Preeti Diwaker
12:05- 12:30 PM	Post-workshop test/ Workshop Quiz		Dr. Meeta Singh
12:30- 1:30 PM	LUNCH		
1:30- 3:30 PM	Batch A (1:30-2:30 PM) Interesting cases in Cervical Cytology by senior faculty Batch B (2:30-3:30 PM) Interesting cases in Cervical Cytology by senior faculty	Batch B (1:30-2:30 PM) & Batch A (2:30-3:30 PM) 1. Demonstration of LBC Slide preparation technique (BD- Direct to Slide system) 2. Slide Viewing Session	
3:30- 4:00 PM	Final comments and conclusion of the session		All Speakers

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8:30-9:00 AM	Registration
9:00-10:30 AM	Poster presentation
10:30-11:00 AM	Inauguration
11:00- 11:30 AM	TEA BREAK
11:30- 12:00 PM	Oral (Award) papers
12:00- 1:00 PM	Guest lecture by Dr. Pranab Dey on "Computational Cytology: Bridging Microscopy and Artificial Intelligence"
1:00-2:00 PM	LUNCH
2:00-2:30 PM	Quiz
2:30-3:30 PM	Potpourri cases
3:30-3:45 PM	Valedictory
3:45-4:00 PM	General Body Meeting
4:00 PM onwards	HIGH TEA

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REPORT for April to June 2026

IAC Karnataka Chapter

Submitted by **Dr Archana Bhat**

Secretary IAC Karnataka Chapter

In continuation of the webinar series, the April webinar was on the topic “Pancreatic cytopathology and WHO reporting system” by Dr Pooja, the webinar in the month of May was on the topic “Cytogenetics @ cytology” by Dr Subhan Ali, and the webinar in June was on the topic “Advances in thyroid cytopathology” by Dr Swati Sharma. All the webinars were well received by over 60 delegates.

Dr Hilda Fernandes, Professor of Pathology and the President of IAC KC was invited speaker for a CME Spectrum of Pathology – Cell to tissue to blood organized by the Department of Pathology, Shridevi Institute of Medical Sciences and Research Hospital, Tumkur. She spoke on “International system for reporting serous fluid cytology” and “Pitfalls in salivary gland cytology”.

Dr Archana Bhat, Associate Professor of Pathology and the secretary of IAC KC was invited speaker for a CME C-KON organized by Government Medical College, Kottayam at Kerala. She spoke on “Reactive and inflammatory changes in cervical cytology” and “Ancillary testing in cervical cytology” and was a panelist for case-based discussion.



REPORT OF FIRST VIRTUAL MEETING North East Regional Chapter of IAC

Submitted by **Prof. (Dr.) Aseema Das**

President IAC, North-East Chapter, Professor, Pathology, AIIMS, Guwahati

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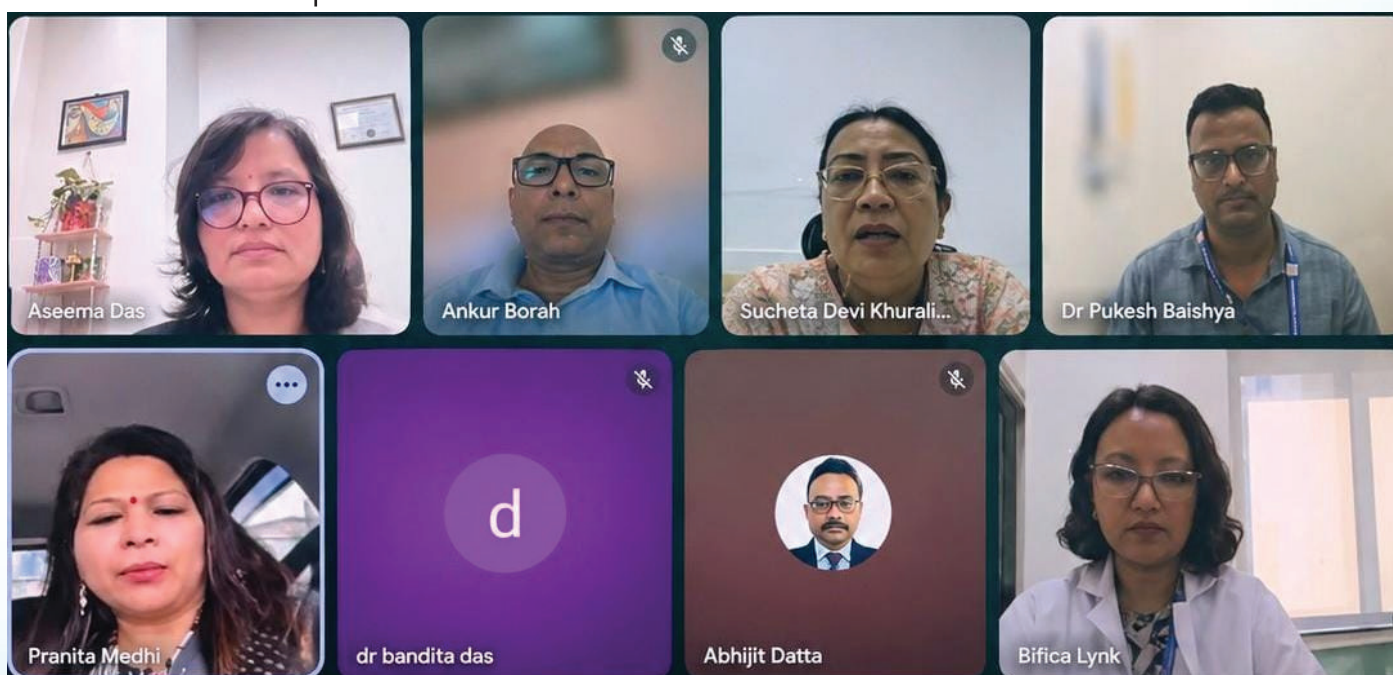
Dr Ankur Bora

First Virtual Meeting of the North East Regional Chapter of IAC The first virtual meeting of the founding members of the proposed North East Regional Chapter of the Indian Academy of Cytologists (NERC-IAC) was held on 3 June 2026, under the chairmanship of Dr Aseema Das, President. The meeting brought together founding members representing different states of the North-Eastern region, providing an opportunity for members to introduce themselves, connect with one another, and collectively discuss the vision and future of the proposed regional chapter.

The meeting marked an important step towards building a vibrant, academically active regional body dedicated to advancing cytology, fostering professional collaboration, and promoting scientific excellence in the North-Eastern region of India. The members discussed the proposed membership structure, bylaws, registration process, website development, and future academic activities.

As an important academic initiative, the proposal to organize a CME programme in Jorhat as the inaugural academic event of the Chapter was well received. The members expressed a collective commitment to strengthening professional networking, academic exchange, and collaborative activities among cytologists across the North-Eastern states.

The meeting was attended by eight of the eleven founding members of the proposed North East Regional Chapter of the Indian Academy of Cytologists (NERC-IAC).





REPORT OF

West Bengal Chapter of IAC

MID TERM CYTOLOGY CME-2026

Held at JIMSH, Budge Budge on 04 July 2026

Submitted by **Dr. (Major) Palash Kumar Mandal**

President, West Bengal Cytology Society

The mid-term Cytology CME 2026 was held on 04 July 2026 under the aegis of West Bengal Cytology Society, organized by the Department of Pathology, Jagannath Gupta Institute of Medical Sciences and Hospital. Around 160 delegates attended the programme. The CME covered topics which are integral to our day to day laboratory practice.

The CME was inaugurated by Shri K K Gupta, Chairman, Jagannath Gupta Institute of Medical Sciences and Hospital. Prof Dr Dipanwita Nag, HOD gave the welcome address and lamp lighting was done by the esteemed dignitaries.

The program started with a talk on Medical ethics, by Prof. (Col) Dr Tanushri Mukherjee.

The academic session began with two lectures on what is new in breast cytology. The President of West Bengal Cytology Society, Prof (Maj) Dr Palash Kumar Mandal spoke on the benign lesions. The malignant lesions were covered by Dr Shivani Sarkar.

Dr Indranil Chakrabarti took us through the workflow and reporting of urinary cytology using the Paris system 2.0.

Prof (Col) Dr Prasanta Sengupta spoke on the non-neoplastic pap lesions, while Dr Sourav Bhowmik discussed the neoplastic lesions.

Dr Sudipta Roy deliberated on diagnostic pearls in body fluid cytology.

In an ever evolving and technologically advancing world, the importance and role of AI cannot be ig-

nored. Dr Utso Guha Roy spoke on the emerging role of AI in cytology.

Dr Bonnie Thomas discussed the automation of Pap smears and how technology can help save time and improve our diagnostic ability.

In our potpourri of cytology cases, we had esteemed faculty speak on a variety of interesting topics.

Dr Ram Narayan Das spoke on pediatric germ cell tumours.

Dr Gourab Mukherjee demonstrated an AI assisted Cytology triage system, once again emphasizing on how we can adopt AI in our clinical practice and adapt to it.

Dr Debashis Bhattacharya discussed CNS cytology, Dr Urvee Sarkar spoke on head and neck salivary neoplasms, Dr Suchorita Sarkar spoke on Round cell neoplasms and Dr Madhumita Mondal discussed thyroid and parathyroid neoplasms.

PGTs actively participated in poster and path art competition.

The CME was informative and academically enriching. The content of CME topics was widely appreciated. It enhanced the knowledge of current concepts and recent developments in cytology. The concept of path-art was novel and was met with great enthusiasm by both residents and faculty.

The conference ended at 1745h with a vote of thanks delivered by Prof (Col) Dr P Sengupta, Organising Secretary of the Conference.





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*Conference details
will be shared soon...*

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Quiz 1

Contributed by **Dr Sanghamitra Mukherjee,**

Consultant Pathologist, Manipal Hospital Salt Lake & Manipal Hospital Broadway, Kolkata

- 35-year-old male presented with complaints of fever and generalized weakness for 15 days.
- Known HIV positive on treatment.
- Multiple bilateral very tiny firm, non tender cervical lymph nodes
- Kernig's sign and neck rigidity present
- FNAC from lymph node and CSF study (India Ink and Leishman stain) done

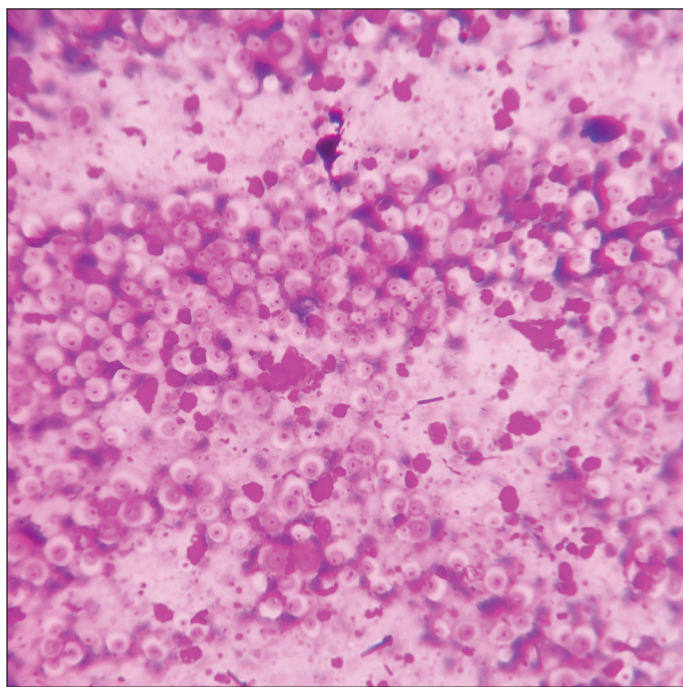


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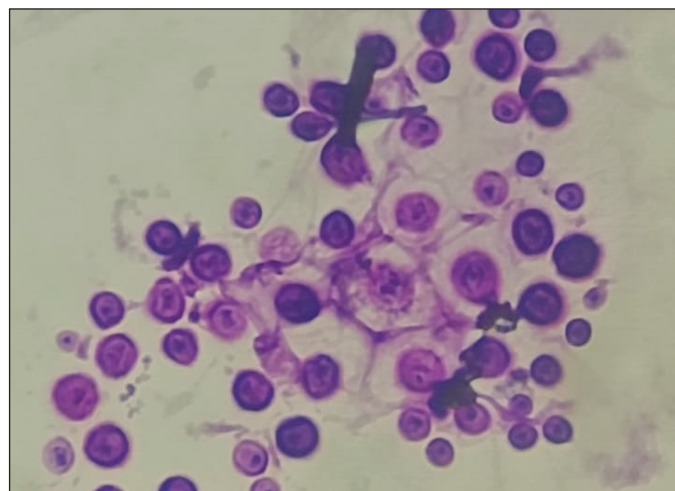


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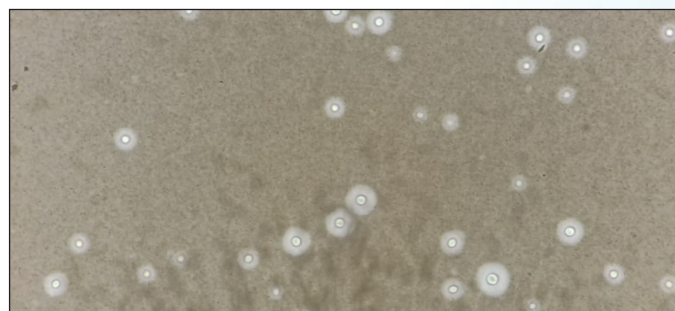


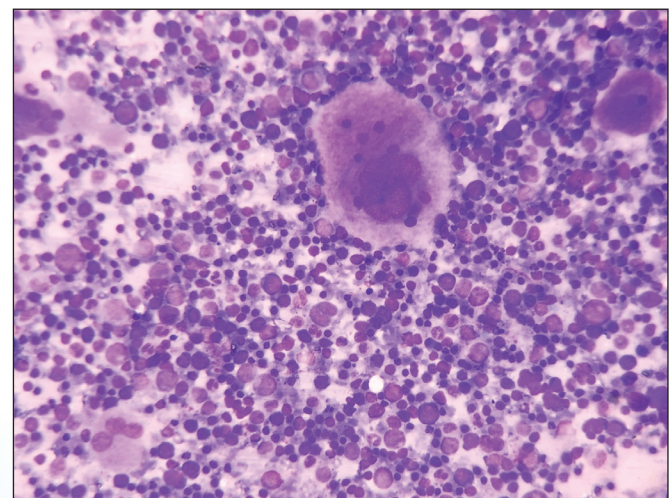
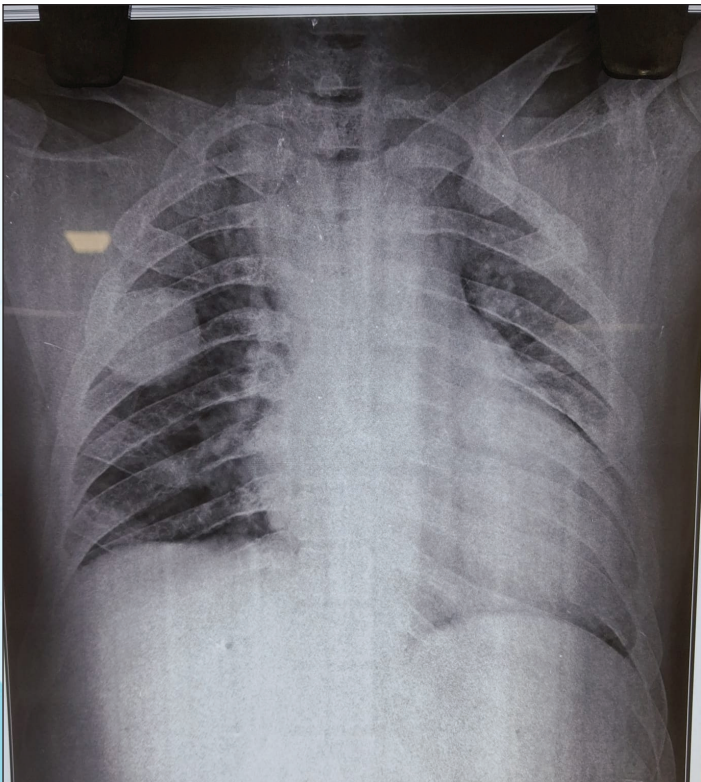
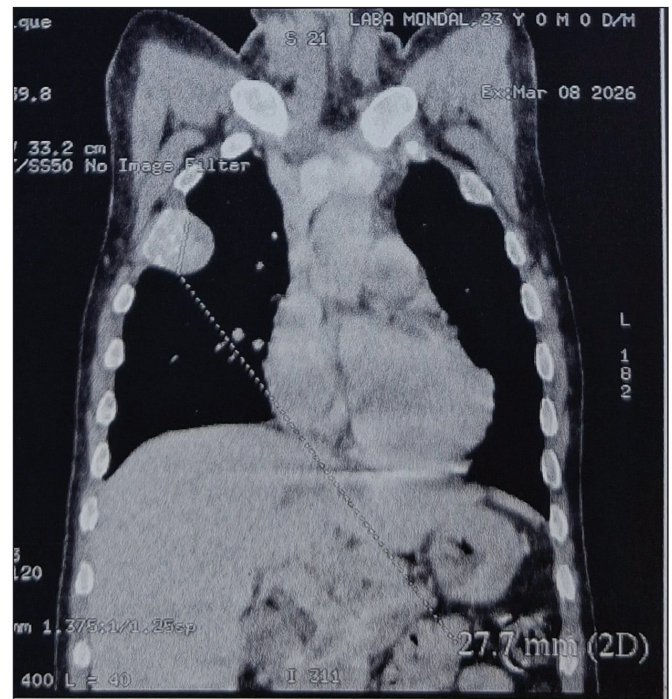
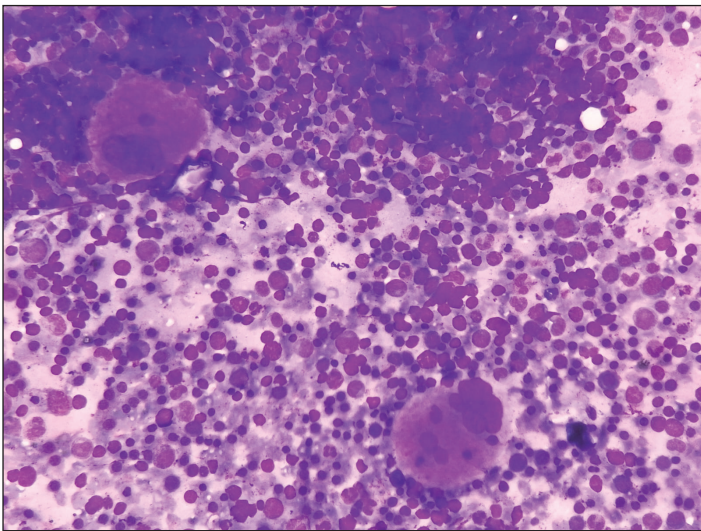
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Quiz 2

Contributed by **Dr. Arghya Bandyopadhyay**

Associate Professor Department of Pathology NRS Medical College Kolkata

- 23 years male; osteolytic lesion in right 3rd rib with adjacent lung lesion. The patient is known case of Thalassemia major. He had undergone splenectomy one year back.



Quiz 3

Contributed by **Dr Sourav Bhowmik**

Section Director, Histopathology & Cytopathology, Suraksha Diagnostic Limited, Kolkata

- 14 year old male c/o left eye chronic dacryocystitis. Aspiration pus like.

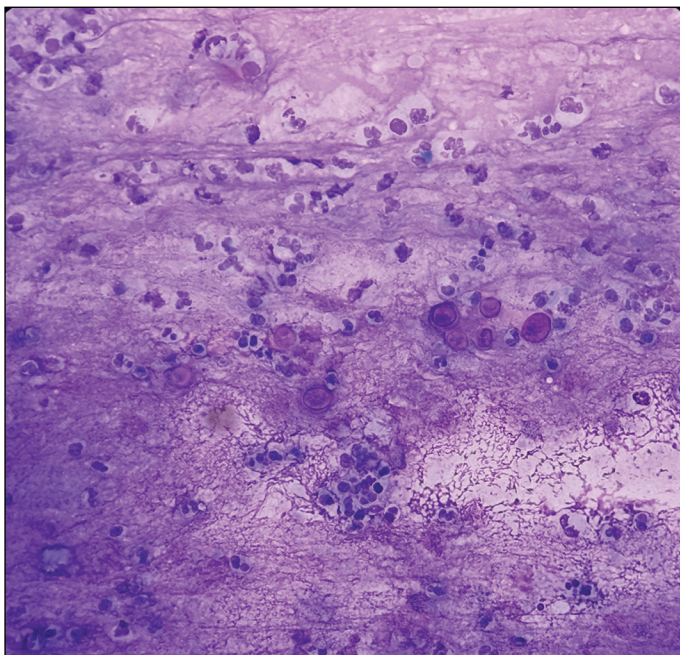


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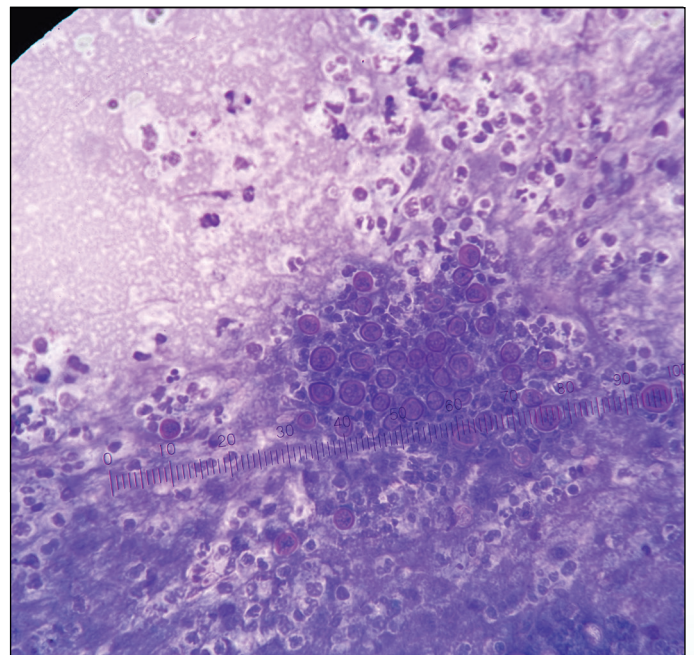


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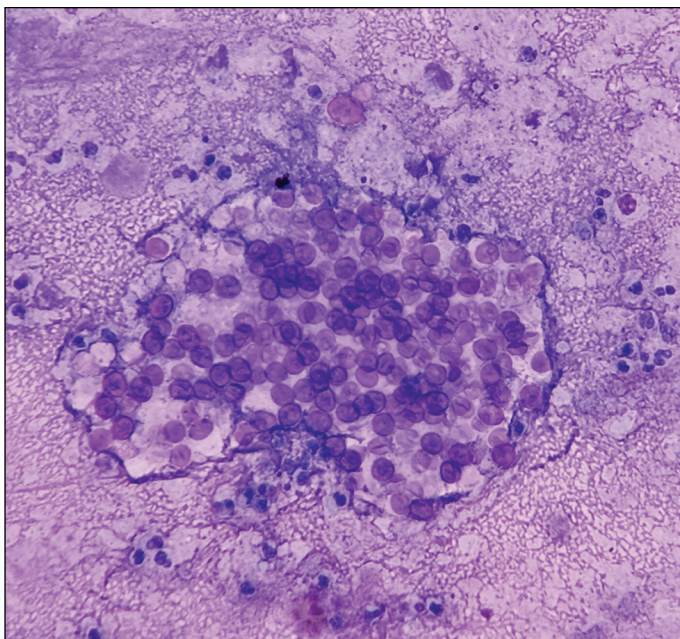


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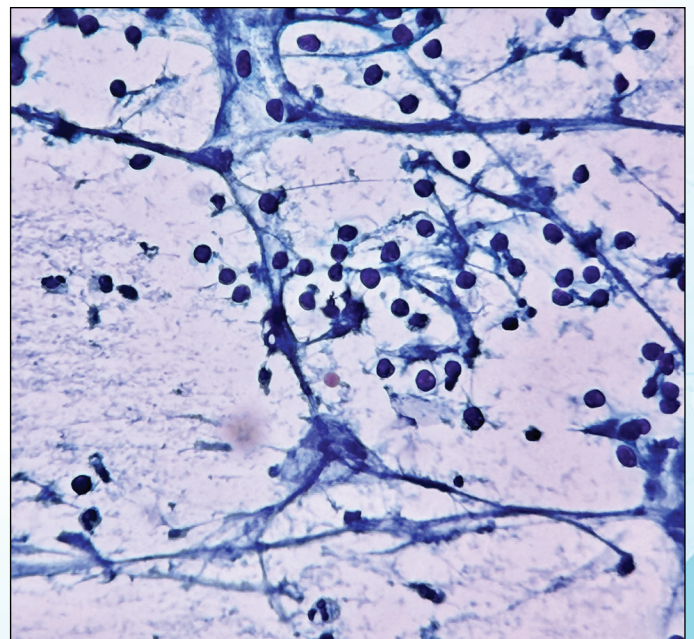


Fig 4. PAP, 400x



Growing Family of IAC Members

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Ashutosh Rath	LR-116/2026
Bembem Khuraijam	LK-224/26
Divya Gupta	LG-159/26
Jyothi Aswath Kumar	LK-215/25
Kajal	LAM/126/2026
Karandeep Singh	LS-354/26
Khushdeep Kaur	LK-225/26
Madhu Kumari	LK-223/26
Maria Frances Bukelo	LB-173/2026
Namrata Awasthi	LA-125/21
Noopur Gangwar	LG-158/26
Paramita Paul	LP-145/2026
Prathima Gujjaru	LG-156/2026
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Rajesh Gautam	LG-157/2026
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Shruti Vimal	LV-48/2026
Subhash Chandra	LC-106/26
Tanishq Saini	LS-358/26
Tanvi Jha	LJ-96/26
Vandana Singh	LS-356/26

Answers to previous Quiz

Answers to QUIZ of April 2026:

1. Sinus histiocytosis with massive lymphadenopathy
2. Disseminated histoplasmosis.



Message from the Editor's desk



Dear IAC Members,

Warm greetings to all of you. I am happy to share with you the new issue of IAC newsletter.

The issue brings to you the events that have taken place since April this year highlighting the various academic activities of IAC members individually and under various state Chapters of our body. Their contribution to education, research and clinical practice is spearheading the growth of IAC.

We look forward to the forthcoming CYTOCON 2026 to be held at Sanjay Gandhi Postgraduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Lucknow under the leadership of Dr. Manoj Jain, and dynamic Secretary Dr. Ram Nawal Rao along with the whole team of SGPGI, Lucknow with support of the body of Indian Academy of Cytologists. They have taken great efforts to make CYTOCON 2026 a memorable event. The CME, the conference and the Workshops will showcase the very best of national and international speakers who will render their valuable insight to the trainees, faculties and practicing cytopathologists. I request you all to join the event and make it a grand success.

I also request all IAC members to contribute actively (by giving inputs and cases for Quiz section) to make the newsletter more interesting and informative.

I am grateful to the President, Secretary, Executive committee members of IAC and Office bearers of all State Chapters of IAC for helping me bring out this issue.

Thanking you all once again,

Long live IAC.

Jai Hind.

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