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## Message from the President

Warm greetings to all of you.

It is heartening to see that the IAC and its members are getting more and more active on the national and international cytology platforms. As has been echoed by our Secretary, IAC members were present in a significant number at the International Congress of Cytology (ICC) 2025, held in Italy from 11th-15th May 2025. The Indian Companion meeting, entitled "Cases illustrating the various cytopathology reporting systems, focusing on Atypical category/Grey zone: An Indian perspective," went off very well with a good attendance. The chairperson was Dr Bharat Rekhi, TMH Mumbai, and the resource faculty were Prof. R.G.W. Pinto, Goa, Prof. Radhika Srinivasan, PGIMER, Chandigarh, Prof. Nalini Gupta, PGIMER, Chandigarh, and Prof. Bharat Rekhi, Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai. Dr. R.G.W. Pinto and Dr. Nalini Gupta also did presentations on Social Media Symposium, Digital Microscopy Workshop, symposium on the role of lymph node-FNAC in the daily practice and slide seminar on infectious diseases. Dr. Bharat Rekhi was a faculty in the symposium on soft tissue tumors. There were platform presentations by Prof. Ram Nawal Rao, SGPGI, Lucknow, Dr. Ujjawal Khurana, AIIMS Bhopal, and Dr. Gunvati, AIIMS, Bibinagar. I, on behalf of IAC, congratulate Dr. Jai Chaurasia, Professor, Pathology, AIIMS Bhopal for receiving the best e poster award at the conference.

We are eagerly waiting for the grand event of the year, **CYTOCON 2025**, which will be held at the prestigious Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education and Research (JIPMER) in Puducherry. The scientific program includes a full-day pre-conference CME and post-conference workshops, along with prestigious orations, memorial lectures, guest lectures, and the IAC academy oration by National and International experts. There would be proffered papers and poster sessions with awards, including for the best presented paper and poster. I wish Dr. N. Siddharaju, Dr. Debasis Gochhait, and their team all the best for a grand success.

I congratulate the Digital EQAS IAC Committee headed by Dr. Pooja Bakshi ( Head of Department of Cytopathology, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi ), supported by her team of Dr. Rajni Yadav ( Professor, Dept of Pathology, AIIMS, New Delhi) and Dr. Gunjan Mangla (Consultant, Dept of Cytopathology, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi) for the

launch of its Digital External Quality Assessment Scheme (EQAS). Mentored by Dr. Nalini of PGI Chandigarh, this launch marks a significant milestone in advancing quality standards in cytopathology across the country and adoption of whole slide scanned images.

Cytology is an ever expanding stream and our academy is one of its most vibrant and successful associations in the world. Despite pessimism elsewhere, India and other developing countries need cytology and FNAC because of its ease of use. Rejuvenating our association and encouraging young faculty members to take up cytology is therefore very important not just for our country but also to take a leadership role for the world. Expansion of the executive committee with more office bearers to help in management of our association activities and formation of an Academic Committee under a Chairperson of impeccable academic background to guide the scientific activities are important items on the agenda in this regard. I urge my fellow cytopathologists to attend Cytocon 2025 in good numbers, and also attend the general body meeting of the IAC held there, where these matters will be discussed. As an association, we must encourage our young faculty members to take up cytopathology. Serving in these committees and in the executive is an important way to encourage talented young cytologists. Please come forward, join hands together under the umbrella of IAC and take the practice of Cytology in India to greater heights.

Long live the IAC. Jai Hind.





## Message from the Secretary

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the second newsletter of the IAC. I begin sharing with you the significant presence of IAC members at the International Congress of Cytology (ICC) 2025, held in Florence/Firenze, Rome, Italy, including excerpts, followed by highlights of CYTOCON 2025. The Indian Companion meeting, entitled “Cases illustrating the various cytopathology reporting systems, focusing on Atypical category/Grey zone: An Indian perspective,” was accomplished and well-received. The session was very well attended, with positive feedback from the delegates regarding the content and presentations. The chairperson was Dr. Bharat Rekhi, TMH Mumbai, and the resource faculty were Prof. R.G.W. Pinto, Goa, Prof. Radhika Srinivasan, PGIMER,

Chandigarh, Prof. Nalini Gupta, PGIMER, Chandigarh, and Prof. Bharat Rekhi, Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai. Dr. R.G.W. Pinto also chaired a session with Dr. Pamela Michelow entitled Symposium on Infectious Diseases, where he presented on fungal infections in cytology. He also did a case presentation in the daily practice slide seminar on infectious disease; participated in the Social Media Symposium of the IAC International Academy of Cytology, and made a presentation and represented at the business meetings. Dr. Nalini Gupta also did a case presentation in the Digital Microscopy Workshop, and as a faculty member, presented in the symposium on the role of lymph node-FNAC in different clinical settings: primary care vs. tertiary referral centres. Dr. Bharat Rekhi was also faculty in the symposium on soft tissue tumors; chaired a session with Dr. Henryk Domansky, entitled “The Daily Practice Slide Seminar: Soft Tissue,” wherein he spoke on “The Diagnostic Approach to Soft Tissue Cytopathology with Introduction to the IARC/WHO Reporting System: Categories and Examples.” and in another session on the Digital Microscopy workshop, he did a case presentation. Dr. Rekhi has been elected as a board member of the prestigious International Academy of Cytology. He also participated in the International Academy of Cytology Board of Directors meeting and attended the IAC Annual General Meeting. There were platform presentations by Prof. Ram Nawal Rao, SGPGI, Lucknow, Dr. Ujjawal Khurana, AIIMS Bhopal, and poster presentations by Dr. Jai Chaurasia, AIIMS Bhopal, who also received the poster award (Congratulations), and Dr. Gunvati, AIIMS, Bibinagar.

It is wonderful to know that **CYTOCON2025** is happening at the prestigious **Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education and Research (JIPMER)** in Puducherry, also known as the French Riviera of the East. The scientific content is well-curated and includes a full-day pre-conference CME and post-conference workshops on timely topics, along with prestigious oration, memorial lecture, guest lectures, and the IAC academy oration by National and International experts. There would be proffered papers and poster sessions providing a chance for researchers to showcase their original work, age notwithstanding. There would be awards, including for the best presented paper and poster. This also provides a great networking opportunity, especially for the younger cytopathologists to influence and inspire others through their work and, at the same time, get inspired by their mentors, and more importantly, make collaborative efforts for their future professional endeavours. Dr. N. Siddharaju, Dr. Debasis Gochhait, and their team are striving towards making this another successful CYTOCON, keeping the legacy of CYTOCON.

Come immerse yourself in the world of cytopathology in the tranquil surroundings, exploring its various dimensions and experiencing the pre- and post-colonial heritage of Puducherry. Wishing the best to the conference organizing team and looking forward to meeting and interacting with everyone who has a passion for cytopathology at the CYTOCON2025. Wishing the IAC all the very best in a continuous endeavor in alignment with the mission of the International Academy of Cytology to empower cytopathology nationwide and worldwide.



*We are deeply saddened by sudden demise of renowned Pathologist and excellent teacher **Dr. Anita Borges**.*

*She started an online webinar programme for postgraduate students throughout India which included topics on Cytology. In one such session there was an interesting debate on Cytology and Histopathology and their roles in diagnosis of various diseases. Our heartfelt condolences to her family members, loved ones and students. May her soul rest in eternal peace.*



**From Indian Academy of Cytologists**



## A TRIBUTE TO

## Dr Anita M. Borges

By **Dr R.G. Wiseman Pinto**

Professor of Pathology

Former HOD Department of Pathology Goa Medical College

Former Dean Goa University

Dr Anita Maria Borges MBBS, MD, FRCPath, India's top most Surgical Pathologist and Pathology Educator of National and International repute, a towering personality, a giant and colossus in the field of Diagnostic Oncopathology, a Teacher par Excellence, a Medical Researcher, a warm friendly and humble person passed away on 18 September 2025 at Gorakhpur UP, following a massive Myocardial infarction. She was invited by the Raghav Das Medical College Gorakhpur to conduct a CME Continuing Medical Education Programme scheduled to be held on 19th and 20th September 2025. She was 78.

Dr Anita Borges served in the top most Cancer hospitals in India. She was the Professor and Head of the Surgical Pathology Tata Memorial Hospital, where she served for 25 years, Director of the Center for Excellence in Oncopathology Wadala, Mumbai and the Head of the Histopathology Department S.L. Raheja Fortis Hospital, Mahim, Mumbai. In all these centres she received the cases from all over Mumbai as well as all over India and abroad. Her Diagnostic acumen in Histopathology and Cytopathology was superb.

She completed her MBBS and MD Pathology from the Topiwala National Medical College and B.Y.L. Nair Charitable Hospital Mumbai Central.

She was the Fellow of the Royal College of Pathologists London UK and was trained in Royal Marsden Hospital for Cancer in London and the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York USA, both world famous and the top Cancer Centers.

She was a mentor, role model, very humane, a great

human being having helped millions of Cancer patients and their families. Her areas of expertise were Head, Neck Cancers, Lymphoma and metastasis and General oncopathology as well as Cancers and Benign Tumors and tumor like conditions of all organs and systems.

She was a legendary figure known for her dedication, commitment, hard work, sincerity and humour.

She was involved in teaching online as well as CMEs and Conferences on site all over India and abroad. She taught students the concepts, basic histology, Critical thinking, to ask questions, Problem solving, algorithmic approach to diagnose. She had a very profound and deep knowledge of the subject and was popular at Conferences of pathologists, Oncosurgeons, Medical Oncologists, Radiologists, Radiotherapists, Physicians, Surgeons, Orthopedic Surgeons and the General Medical practitioners, Microbiologists, immunologists, Molecular biologists. She was charming, charismatic and a crowd puller, and was always surrounded by students and Consultants wanting to learn more.

Dr Anita kept updating both her knowledge, skill and technology which today is galloping at a fast pace.

She received many Awards and Orations all over India and occupied several prestigious positions in Academic bodies like Chairperson of NABL, Vice President of the International College of Pathologists, Dean of the International College of Pathologists Indian Division and a member of NAMS National Academy of Medical Sciences.





She has numerous publications and was on the Editorial Board of many journals. She was on the WHO Panel for Head and Neck Cancers

I first met Dr Anita in 1984 as a PG students during the CME in Pathology in JN Medical College. of KLE Society in Belgaum where she was a regular Faculty every year. Her important points and messages are remembered till date. I also trained with Dr Anita in Tata Memorial Hospital in 1987 and later on learnt lot of Pathology from her.

Her patients were from the poor socioeconomic section to the rich powerful. VIPs like CMs. Governors, Ministers, Bureaucrats, Doctors, industrialists. and the common man, women and Children.

She treated all equally. was kind to the servants. Nurses. Technicians. Artists. Medical Social workers and all others.

She will leave behind a void that will be difficult to fill But her Legacy will remain and carried forward by her students and juniors.

For a newly launched Visiting Faculty Programme in Goa Medical College in 2008 the first Faculty to be invited were Dr Anita M Borges and Dr Bhavin Jankaria a renowned Radiologist from Mumbai

She was known for her Sartorial elegance, grace and charm. Her taste of the cuisines and wines were very classy Italian and French wines. She took to the dance floor for the pathology Conferences banquets

I invited her more than 15 times to Goa for our CMEs and Conferences. She loved Goa as she hailed from Ussaim in Bardez., loved goan cuisine. music, and the Goan ethos. She was the daughter of Dr Ernest

Joaquim Joseph Borges a famous Cancer Surgeon who was the Director of Tata Memorial Hospital Mumbai 2 roads are named after Dr Ernest Borges in Parel Mumbai next to Tata Memorial Hospital and in Dona Paula next to the Cancer hospital now run by the Manipal group. Her brother Dr Eric Borges a Cardiologist in Bombay Hospital. and now into palliative care. The entire family is truly world class and they donated a Scholarship in Goa Medical College to mark the Centenary of Dr Ernest Borges a few years ago, for the doctors of GMC to undergo training in Oncology in TMH.

Dr Anita has taken the standard of Oncopathology to a very high level being a perfectionist for Excellence. She is an inspiration to the next generation of Pathologists and her Ideology was Excellence in all areas. She had a command of the language as well as the subject

Thank you Dr Anita for all your help advice and opinions to me my family my patients referred to you, the Goan patients, as well as imparting the knowledge of Pathology as well as coming to Goa for my CMEs and Conferences. Dr Anita Borges never charged us a single paisa for her visit to Goa And a gesture I will never forget returned the Cheque I gave her to cover her air travel.

She also came for the 100 years of CMM celebration CME. My heartfelt Condolences to Dr Anita Borges family. May God give Eternal Rest and Peace to her Soul Also I am sure that her legacy will continue

## **Dr R.G. Wiseman Pinto**

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## International Congress of Cytology, Florence/Firenze, Italy, 11th-15th May 2025

There was a notable presence of members from the Indian Academy of Cytologists (IAC) at the International Congress of Cytology (ICC) 2025, held in Florence/Firenze, Rome, Italy. It was attended by 770 delegates from 66 countries including 25 from India.

The Indian Companion meeting, entitled “Cases illustrating the various cytopathology reporting systems, focusing on Atypical category/Grey zone: An Indian perspective,” was accomplished and well received. The chairperson was Dr. Bharat Rekhi, TMH Mumbai, who introduced the session with the background and concept. The resource faculty were Prof. R.G.W. Pinto, Goa, Prof. Radhika Srinivasan, PGIMER, Chandigarh, Prof. Nalini Gupta, PGIMER, Chandigarh, and Prof. Bharat Rekhi, Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai. The presenters covered, Milan System for Salivary gland cytopathology, The Bethesda system for Thyroid cytopathology, Paris System for reporting Urinary cytology, The WHO-IARC reporting system for lymph node cytopathology, The Bethesda system for reporting cervical cytology, The WHO-IARC reporting system for lymph node cytopathology and The International System for serous effusions, respectively. The session was very well attended, with positive feedback from the delegates related to the content and the presentations.

The Indian delegates like Dr. R.G.W. Pinto, Dr. Bharat Rekhi and others also interacted with The President of IAC Dr. Fernando Schmitt, President of the Congress Dr. Guido Fadda, the incoming President of IAC, Dr. Syed Ali, other past Presidents of the IAC and renowned cytologists like Dr. Roberto Osamuro, and other World Class Cytopathologists Dr. Jerzy Klijanienko, Dr. Henryk Domanski, Dr. Sinchita Roy Chowdhury Dr. Mauro S, Dr. P Mikou, Dr. Pawel Schubert, Dr. Pamela Michelow, Dr. Binnur Onal and other cytopathologists of different countries. In these interactions, Dr. Syed Ali the incoming President

of IAC discussed the feasibility of having Cytology Scientific Conference in Dubai.

**Dr. R.G.W. Pinto** was Chairman and Faculty for the following sessions: (i) Salivary Gland Cytopathology Reporting by Milan System, (ii) Infectious Disease Symposium. Fungal Diseases, the new superbug and (iii) the Infectious Diseases Slide Seminar. He also participated in the Social Media Symposium of the IAC International Academy of Cytology and made a presentation. He also represented at the EFCS meeting and business meetings.

**Dr. Nalini Gupta** had four invited lectures: (i) The WHO-IARC Reporting System of Lymph node Cytopathology: Atypia, (ii) 2014 The Bethesda System for Reporting Cervical Cytology- ASC and AGC, (iii) Ziehl-Neelsen Secrets: A world in red (in Digital Microscopy Workshop) & (iv) Role of LN-FNAC in Different Clinical Settings: Primary Care versus Tertiary Referral Centres (in Symposium).

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Chaurasia, AIIMS Bhopal and **Dr. Gunvanti, AIIMS, Bibinagar.**

**Dr. Jay Kumar Chaurasia**, Additional Professor, Pathology & Lab Medicine, AIIMS, Bhopal, won the **Best E-Poster Award** for his E Poster titled “Fractal

Analysis: Diagnostic Role in Breast Cytopathology” bringing honour to India. He won the first position from 250 posters from all over the world. This is the first time that a resident Indian has won the Best E-Poster award. IAC Congratulates Dr. Jay Kumar Chaurasia.

## *Glimpses of ICC 2025, Florence, Italy*



*ICC Florence Indian Companion Meeting*



*Symposium Lymph Nodes*



*ICC Florence Indian Companion Meeting Speakers*





## Glimpses of ICC 2025, Florence, Italy



Video microscopy Soft Tissue Tumors



Symposium Soft Tissue Tumors



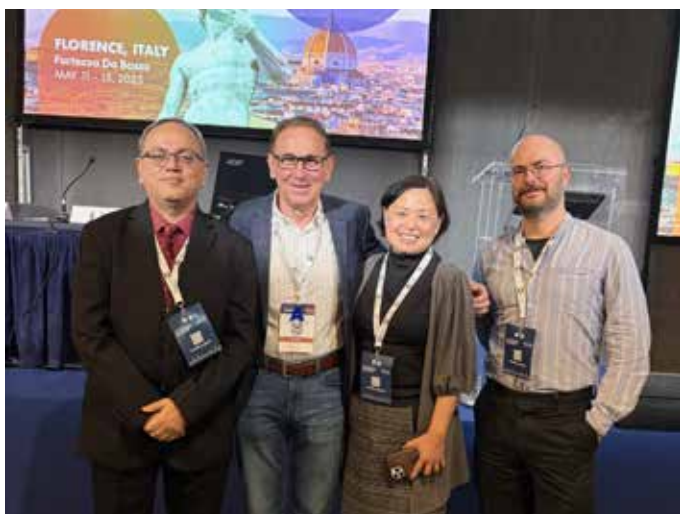
ICC 2025 Venue



Newly elected President Dr. Syed Ali and Board Member Dr. Bharat Rekhi with Dr. Pam Michelow and Mrs Allison IAC



## Glimpses of ICC 2025, Florence, Italy



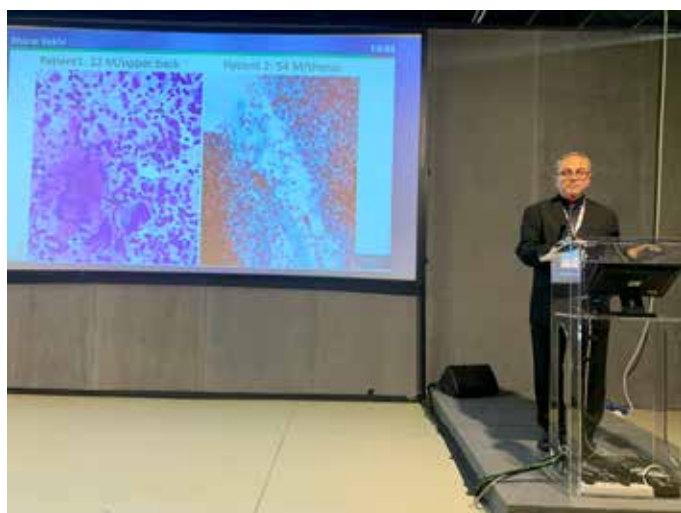
Daily Practice Slide Seminar Chairpersons Dr. Bharat Rekhi, Dr. Henryk Domansky



Digital Microscopy and Infectious Diseases Members



Dr. Bharat Rekhi Chairperson Companion meeting ICC



Dr. Bharat Rekhi ICC 2025 Indian Companion Meeting



Dr. Bharat Rekhi Symposium Soft Tissue Tumors



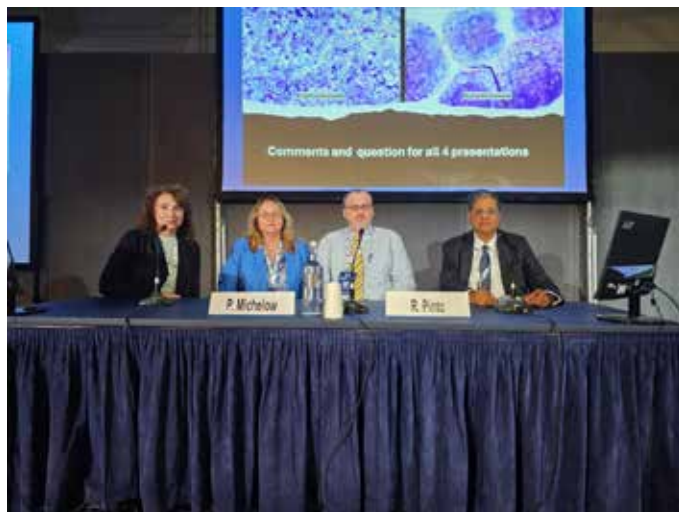
Dr. Nalini Gupta Symposium Lymph Nodes



## *Glimpses of ICC 2025, Florence, Italy*



*Dr. Nalini ICC 2025 Indian Companion Meeting*



*Dr R.G.W. Pinto, ICC 2025*



*Dr R.G.W. Pinto, ICC 2025*



*Dr Radhika Srinivasan, ICC 2025 Indian Companion Meeting*



*Dr R.G.W. Pinto, ICC 2025*



*Dr R.G.W. Pinto, ICC 2025 Indian Companion Meeting*



## *Glimpses of ICC 2025, Florence, Italy*



*ICC Florence 2025*



*ICC Florence 2025*



*ICC Florence 2025 All Smiles*



*Symposium Lymph Nodes*



*ICC Florence 2025 More Smiles*





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*Glimpses of ICC 2025, Florence, Italy*





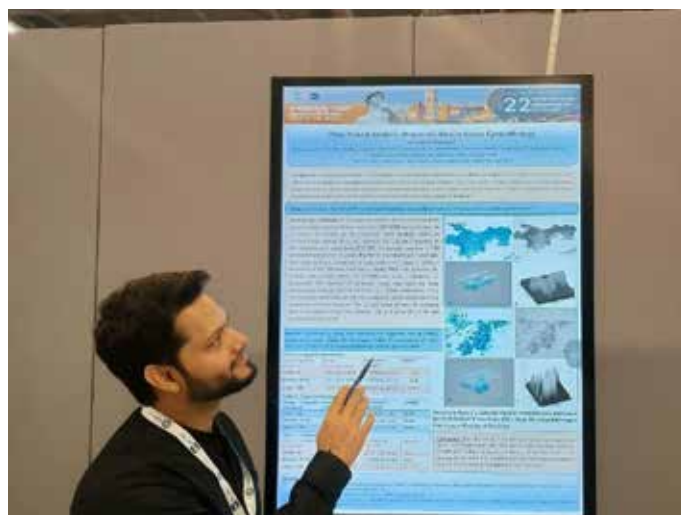


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*E-poster: Dr. Jai Kumar Chaurasia*



## Welcome to CYTOCON 2025, JIPMER, Puducherry

### *Greetings from the Department of Pathology, JIPMER, Puducherry!*

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to CYTOCON 2025, the 55th annual conference of the Indian Academy of Cytologists, hosted by the Department of Pathology, JIPMER, Puducherry, from November 14th to 17th, 2025.

The theme for this year's conference is “**Unfolding Various Aspects of Cytology – Connecting Cells to Clinical Care**”. We promise you a four-day academic extravaganza dedicated to the latest advancements in Cytopathology, featuring expert sessions, scientific exchange, and collaborative learning.

*The highlights of the conference are:*

**Day 1 (14-11-25) would be the Pre-conf CME:** Cases illustrating the various cytopathology reporting systems: An Indian perspective, moderated by Dr. Bharat Rekhi and discussed by various eminent faculty from various national institutes.

**Day 2 (15-11-25), including the P N Wahi oration** by Dr. Nalini Gupta from PGI Chandigarh, **IAC guest lecture** by Dr. Yeo Yen Ching from KK Women's and Children's Hospital, Singapore and the **IAC Academy oration** will be delivered by Prof. Jerzy Klijanienko from the institute Curie, France. Day 2 will also include the prestigious **IAC award paper sessions** including the **Nalini Bai Thakkar (NBT) Award** (young cytopathologists showcasing original research in cytopathology). **Col. D. B. Nayar Memorial Award** (best proffered oral paper in the field of oncology) and the **Jwala Devi Award** (best oral presentation on practical methods in cytology)

**Day 3 (16-11-25), comprising the Ernest Fernandes Slide Seminar** will be conducted by Dr. Col. Prabal Deb from SQCCC, Muscat. The **Subash Kumari Gupta Memorial Lecture** will be delivered by Prof. Ambroggio Fassina. The **Symposium (Artificial intelligence in pathology)** will be moderated by

Dr. Pranab Dey, former professor of PGIMER, Chandigarh. The attraction for the residents on the fourth day would be the Cytology quiz conducted by the Quiz masters Dr. Riddhi from KGMU, Lucknow Dr. Indranil from AIIMS, Kalyani and Dr. Rashmi from JIPMER, Puducherry.

**Day 4 (17-11-25)** will see four **Workshops, including**  
**1:** Cervical Cytology (LBC) – Moderator: Dr. Madhukumar (KGMCLucknow) and Dr. Nidhi Verma (MAMC, New delhi). **2:** Cell block and ancillary tests (Imunocytochemistry) – Moderator: Dr. Debasis Gochhait & Dr. Amit Kumar Adhya **3:** Salivary gland cytology- Moderator: Dr. N. Siddaraju **and 4:** Cytology of Soft tissue tumours – Moderator: Dr. Adarsh Barwad and Dr. BH Srinivas.

**Other Categories of presentation: Proffered papers, case reports and case series:**

**The abstract submission is now open. Guidelines for abstract submission are available on the official website of CYTOCON 2025. The deadline for submission is 15th September 2025.**

**For details, go to: <https://cytocon2025.in/cytocon-2025-jipmer-pondicherry-events-abstract/>**

**We encourage all delegates, especially young cytopathologists and researchers, to actively participate and contribute to the scientific excellence of CYTOCON 2025.**

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We look forward to four days of academic excellence,

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## CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS:

### Day 1 (14-11-25) – Pre-conference CME

- Cases illustrating cytopathology reporting systems: An Indian perspective
- Moderator: **Dr. Bharat Rekhi** and discussion by many eminent faculty

### Day 2 (15-11-25)

- **P. N. Wahi Oration** – Dr. Nalini Gupta (PGI Chandigarh)
- **IAC Guest Lecture** – Dr. Yeo Yen Ching (Singapore)
- **IAC Academy Oration** – Prof. Jerzy Klijanienko (Institut Curie, France)
- **IAC Award Paper Sessions:**
  - o *Nalini Bai Thakkar (NBT) Award* – Original research by young cytopathologists
  - o *Col. D. B. Nayar Memorial Award* – Best oral paper in oncology
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- **Symposium on Artificial Intelligence in Pathology** – Moderated by Dr. Pranab Dey (PGIMER, Chandigarh)
- **Cytology Quiz for Residents** – Conducted by

Dr. Riddhi (KGMU, Lucknow), Dr. Indranil (AIIMS, Kalyani), and Dr. Rashmi (JIPMER, Puducherry)

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2. **Cell Block & Ancillary Tests (including Immunocytochemistry)** – Dr. Debasis Gochhait (JIPMER), Dr. Amit Kumar Adhya (AIIMS, Bhubaneswar)
3. **Salivary Gland Cytology** – Dr. N. Siddaraju J (IPMER),
4. **Cytology of Soft Tissue Tumors** – Dr. Adarsh Barwad (AIIMS, Bhubaneswar), Dr. B. H. Srinivas (JIPMER)

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## REPORT OF

## Association of Cytologists of Maharashtra

Submitted by **Dr. Meherbano Mustafa Kamal**

Professor, PDMMC, Amravati

Chairperson Accreditation & Examination Committee of IAC

A CME & Workshop on Cervical Cytology “Cervix to Scope” was organized by the Department of Pathology, NKP Salve Institute of Medical science & Research Centre and Lata Mangeshkar Hospital Nagpur, on Friday 11th July 2025. Convener was Dr. Meherbano Kamal, Professor, PDMMC, Amravati, who has taken up the WHO Cervical Cancer Elimination initiative for strengthening Cervical Cancer Prevention. The CME was inaugurated by Vice Dean Dr. Vilas Thombre & Vice Dean Clinical Dr. Nitin Deosthale, Convenors Dr. Sabiha Maimoon, Dr. Anjali Patrikar, Dr. Sadhana Mahore, & Dr. Ann Wilkinson. Dr. Vilas Thombre said that, HPV DNA identification forms an important aspect for stratification of Cervical Cancer surveillance & its management. Dr. N. Deosthale informed that our institute is conducting many camps in peripheral areas around Nagpur for screening of cervical cancer.

Eminent faculties and their respective Topics were “Technology overview with tips & tricks of PAP smear collection by Dr. Meherbano Kamal, “Deciphering Cervical Cytology LSIL to SCC” by

Dr. Prashant Ramteke, Associate Professor, AIIMS Nagpur, “Ancillary testing using LBC specimens — HPV testing to Biomarkers” by Dr. Anshu, Professor, MGIMS, Sevagram, “Decoding basics of Colposcopy” Dr. Kanchan Dwidmuthe, Associate Professor, NKPSISMA & RC and LMH Nagpur. The Maharashtra Medical Council observer was Dr. Shantanu Mukherjee and 1 Credit point was granted by Maharashtra Medical Council for the CME.

Total of 111 delegates from Nagpur, and Central India attended the program. All the sessions were followed by Slide viewing sessions and projection of slides of good cases and discussions included Clinical, Cytological & Management aspects. This was highly appreciated by all the delegates & faculty. Special emphasis was laid on nuances of Liquid Based Cytomorphological aspects.

The organizing team Dr. Sabiha Maimoon, Dr. Anjali Patrikar, Dr. Faizan Akhtar along with the staff and Residents of the Department of Pathology worked hard to achieve the smooth conduct of the program.







**Dr. Faizan Akhtar**  
Assistant Professor  
Joint Organizing Secretary

**Dr. Anjali Patrikar**  
Associate Professor  
Organizing Secretary

**Dr. Sabiha Maimoon**  
Professor and HOD  
Organizing Chairperson



## REPORT OF

## West Bengal Cytology Society (IAC West Bengal Chapter)

Submitted by **Prof. (Dr.) Palash Kumar Mandal**,

President Elect, West Bengal Cytology Society



**WEST BENGAL CYTOLOGY SOCIETY (WEST BENGAL CHAPTER OF IAC)**

**Department of Pathology, R.G. Kar Medical College**

**12th April 2025  
12 pm onwards**

**Auditorium (Platinum Jubilee Building)**

**Comprehensive Approach to Exfoliative Cytology**

**PRE-SUMMER CME 2025**

A pre summer CME was held on 12th April 2025 at R.G. Kar Medical College & Hospital, Kolkata on the topic 'Comprehensive Approach to Exfoliative Cytology' organized by the West Bengal Cytology Society.

The program started at 12 noon with poster presentation and ended at 6.30 pm. First, second and third prizes were given to the winners of poster presentation by the judges.

The programme began with lamp lighting ceremony and short speeches by dignitaries Prof Dr. Manas Kumar Bandyopadhyay, Principal R.G. Kar MCH; MSVP R.G. Kar MCH; Dean R.G. Kar MCH; HOD Prof Tushar Kanti Das and other senior members of WBCS. Approximately 300 delegates attended the CME.

The programme schedule consisted of a dedicated poster presentation by post graduate students and academic lectures by distinguished speakers.

**Dr. Sucharita Sarkar**, Assistant professor, IPGMER, presented the topic on 'Methodologies in handling exfoliative cytology samples'.

**Dr. Sayed Mahmood Nadeem**, President of WBCS delivered a lecture on 'Morphological approach in interpreting serous effusion'.

**Dr. Arghya Bandyopadhyay**, Associate Professor, NRS Medical College, presented lecture on 'Practical approach in solving atypical cervical smears'.

**Col P Sengupta**, HOD Pathology, Command Hospital, Eastern Command, presented a lecture on topic 'Diagnostic approach to pulmonary exfoliative cytology'.

**Dr. Anand Bardia**, Consultant Pathologist, Tata Medical Centre, Kolkata, presented 'Ancillary tools in exfoliative cytology—An algorithmic approach'.

The programme ended with the vote of thanks by the Organizing Secretary Prof Dr. Palash Kumar Mandal.



**Patrons:**  
Prof. Dr. Manas Kumar Bandyopadhyay, Principal, RGKMCH  
Prof. Dr. Saptarshi Chatterjee, MSVP, RGKMCH  
Prof. Dr. Tushar Kanti Das, HOD, Pathology, RGKMCH  
Dr. (Maj) Dwaipawan Biswas, AMS, RGKMCH

**Advisor:**  
Prof. Dr. Mamata Guha Mallick Sinha, Past President, WBCS

**Organizing Chairperson:**  
Prof Dr. Anjali Bandyopadhyay

**Organizing Secretary:**  
Prof. Dr. Palash Kumar Mandal

**Scientific Chairperson:**  
Dr. Ruplekha Mitra Mustaphi

**Faculties:**  
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Dr. Indrani Chakrabarti, Vice President, WBCS  
Dr. Anup Bolei, Secretary, WBCS  
Dr. Sourav Bhowmik, Joint Secretary, WBCS  
Dr. Mou Das, Treasurer WBCS  
Dr. Madhumita Mandal, Assistant Treasurer, WBCS

**Registration**  
DELEGATES : Rs 800/-  
PGT & SR : Rs 600/-  
Last date of Registration: 5th April 2025

**Register Here**

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**PROGRAM SCHEDULE**  
Poster Presentation (PGTs) : 12 pm- 1 pm

**Lunch : 1pm- 2 pm**

**Academic Lectures: 2 pm onwards**

- Methodologies in handling exfoliative cytology samples - (30 minutes)** - Dr Sucharita Sarkar, Assistant Professor, IPGMER
- Morphological Approach in interpreting Serous effusion - (30 minutes)** - Dr Sayed Mahmood Nadeem , President, WBCS
- Practical Approach in solving atypical cervical smears - (30 minutes)** - Dr Arghya Bandyopadhyay, Associate Professor, NRSMCH
- Diagnostic Approach to Pulmonary exfoliative cytology (Sputum, BAL & Brush) - (30 minutes)** - Col P Sengupta, HOD Pathology, COMMAND HOSPITAL
- Ancillary tools in Exfoliative Cytology - Algorithmic Approach - (40 minutes)** - Dr Divya Midha, Senior Consultant, Tata Medical Center

**Tea Break - 15 mins**

**Poster Presentation**  
Last date of abstract submission : 31st March, 2025  
Abstract to be mailed at : ruplekhamm82@gmail.com  
Poster dimension : 33.1 inches x 23.4 inches



## *Glimpses of Pre-Summer CME, West Bengal Cytology Society 2025*







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## REPORT OF Launch of Digital EQAS IAC

Submitted by **Dr. Pooja Bakshi**  
In-Charge Digital EQAS IAC

The Indian Academy of Cytology (IAC) proudly announces the launch of its much-awaited **Digital External Quality Assessment Scheme (EQAS)**, marking a significant milestone in advancing quality standards in cytopathology across the country.

The roll out of the first ever digital EQAS round was by the concerted efforts of the newly constituted **Digital EQAS IAC Committee** headed by Dr. Pooja Bakshi (Head of Department of Cytopathology, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi) and supported by her team of Dr. Rajni Yadav (Professor, Dept of Pathology, AIIMS, New Delhi) and Dr. Gunjan Mangla (Consultant, Dept of Cytopathology, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi). It was done under the guidance of Dr. Radhika Srinivasan (ex EQA IAC chairperson), Dr. Venkat Iyer (President IAC) and Dr. Nalini Gupta (EQA IAC chairperson).

The EQAS program is designed to enhance diagnostic accuracy, standardize reporting practices, and promote continuous learning among cytopathologists. By leveraging a digital platform, the program enables participants to review high-quality virtual slides (whole slide images), submit their interpretations, and receive expert feedback, all done in a seamless way from the comfort of their workplace. The first cycle was rolled out **from 21st July 2025 to 3rd August 2025**. The response to the first cycle has been overwhelmingly positive, with participants across the country appreciating the program's accessibility and effectiveness.

The launch was followed by the National Webinar (On Line zoom meet) of '**DIGITAL EQAS IAC CASE DISCUSSION**', the first of its kind. It generated immense interest and enthusiasm among the participants and was highly appreciated. The case discussion highlighted the key diagnostic features, common pitfalls, differential diagnosis and their resolution. A structured feedback outlined the overall performance of participants in each case summarizing the acceptable interpretations and satisfactory performance criteria. This facilitated the participants to grade their own performance and identify areas of improvement. It provided opportunity for peer comparison and collaborative learning promoting continuous professional development.

Speaking on the occasion, the IAC leadership congratulated the Digital EQAS IAC Committee for the successful launch and emphasized the Academy's commitment to improving quality assurance and patient care through innovation and technology.

With this launch, IAC continues its mission to uphold excellence in cytology and strengthen the role of quality assurance. The EQA and Digital EQAS Committee invites all members and institutions to actively engage with this digital format and contribute to elevating the standards of cytology practice in India.

**INDIAN ACADEMY OF CYTOLOGISTS**

**Digital EQAS IAC Case Discussion**

**Date: 20-08-2025**  
**Time: 2-3 PM**  
**PLATFORM: ZOOM MEETING**

Dr. Radhika Srinivasan  
Ex- President IAC  
Ex- EQA Chairperson  
PGIMER, Chandigarh

Dr. Venkateswaran. K. Iyer  
President IAC  
AIIMS, N Delhi

Dr. Nalini Gupta  
EQA Chairperson  
PGIMER, Chandigarh

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Dr. Rajni Yadav  
Digital EQAS IAC Committee Member  
AIIMS, N Delhi

Dr. Gunjan Mangla  
Digital EQAS IAC Committee Member  
Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, N Delhi



## REPORT OF Goa Chapter of IAC

*Submitted by* **Prof. (Dr.) R.G.W. Pinto**

President, Asian Society of Cytology

Ex Dean, Goa University

Dr. R.G. Wiseman Pinto is organising an International CME in Pathology Histopathology and Cytopathology in Goa on 23, 24 and 25 January 2026.

A CME on Histopathology, Cytopathology and Hematology in Pathology in SMS Medical College Jaipur was held on 10th and 11th June 2025. It was organised by Dr. Dilip Ramrakhiani Professor and Head of Pathology SMS Medical College Jaipur. The Faculty were Dr. R.G.W. Pinto, Goa Dr. Richa Gupta Prof of Pathology UCMS Shahdra Delhi. and Dr. Dilip Ramrakhiani. The CME was attended by around 120 pathologists.

Dr. R.G. Wiseman Pinto delivered a Lecture on Cytopathology and Histopathology: Case Based Scenario at the Choksi Auditorium Tata Memorial Hospital on 12 June 2025.

Dr. Tanuja Shet Prof & Head of Pathology Department TMH and Saleem Patuthara, Cytology Lab in charge and Coordinator of PG Programme Pathology Department coordinated.

Dr. R.G.W. Pinto has been invited as an International Faculty for the College of Pathologists of Srilanka 50th Anniversay International Conference in Colombo Srilanka, 23 to 25 October 2025. The Conference is organised in collaboration with the British Division of IAP. Dr. Priyani A is the President of the Conference.

Dr. R.G.W. Pinto has also been invited as a Faculty for the UPCYTOCON to be held at GSVM Medical College Kanpur UP on 30th and 31st August 2025. Dr. R.N. Rao, Dr. C Kala and Dr. Lubna Khan are the Chairpersons of this Conference.

9th Annual International Breast Cancer Conference and Precision Oncology 2025

3, 4, and 5 October 2025 | Hotel Clark's Amer Jaipur

Organised by The Cancer Research and Statistics Foundation

250 delegates attended. Rajasthan Medical Council gave CME Accreditation with 9 CME points. Dr RGW Pinto, Goa delivered the Dr George N Papanicolaou Oration . Tradition with Modernity in Cytopathology, History. Current aspects and Recent Advances in Cytopathology Empowering Cytopathology and Histopathology Worldwide





## *CME at SMS Medical College, Jaipur and Tata Memorial Hospital*





## REPORT OF UP Chapter of IAC

Submitted by **Prof. (Dr.) Ram Nawal Rao**  
President, IAC, UP Chapter

### UPCYTOCON 2025:

Held at GSVM (Ganesh Shankar Vidyarthi Memorial) Medical College, Kanpur. The programme had several eminent speakers from UP and other parts of India. More than 300 delegates attended the academic feast. Dr. R.G.W. Pinto delivered the Prof Padma Kumari Agarwal Oration and was honoured with a gold medal.







UP-CYTOCON 2025 Scientific Program – Day 1		
30th August 2025, Saturday   Venue: College-Auditorium, Papanicolaou Hall		
Sl	Time	Programme
	08:00 AM 09:00 AM	<b>REGISTRATION</b>
1	09:00 AM 09:30 AM	<b>Lecture 1 :</b> Diagnostic utility of EBUS-TBNA in intrathoracic lesions — <b>Dr Ram Nawal Rao</b> , SGPGIMS, Lucknow Moderator: Dr Sunita Chairperson: Dr S N Singh, <i>Professor and Former Head, GSVM Medical College, Kanpur</i> Dr. P.K. Singh, <i>Principal, Faculty of Medical Sciences, Rama Medical College</i> Dr Poonam Kainth, <i>Senior Pathologist, Kainth Lab, Kanpur</i>
2	09:30 AM 10:00 AM	<b>Lecture 2 :</b> Pitfalls in gynaecological cytology: Liquid-based Cytology — <b>Dr Madhu Kumar</b> , KGMU, Lucknow Moderator: Dr Sunita Chairperson: Dr Subrat Chandra, <i>Professor, RMLIMS, Lucknow</i> Dr Umesh Paliwal, <i>Senior Pathologist, Paliwal Diagnostics</i> Dr Anjali Tiwari, <i>Senior Pathologist, Regency Hospital, Kanpur</i>
	10:00 AM 11:00 AM	<b>BREAKFAST</b>
3	11:00 AM 11:30 AM	<b>Lecture 3:</b> Thyroid Cytology: Reflection and More — <b>Prof Atul Gupta</b> , Former Head, SNMC, Agra Moderator: Dr Chayanika Kala Chairperson: Dr B N Tripathi, <i>Former Professor, GSVM Medical College, Kanpur</i> Dr Shalini Shukla, <i>Associate Professor, GIMS, Noida</i> Dr Anju Chandra, <i>Associate Professor, GMC, Orai</i>
4	11:30 AM 12:00 PM	<b>Lecture 4:</b> IHC and beyond for Predictive Tumour Markers in Cytology — <b>Dr Nuzhat Hussain</b> , RMLIMS, Lucknow Moderator: Dr Chayanika Kala Chairperson: Dr V.K. Pratap, <i>Professor and former Head, LLR Medical College, Meerut</i> Dr D Nath, <i>Professor, Former Principal, ASMC, Lalitpur</i>
5	12:00 PM 12:30 PM	<b>Lecture 5:</b> Diagnostic Algorithm on Lymph Node Cytology — <b>Dr Meeta Singh</b> , MAMC, New Delhi Moderator: Dr Chayanika Kala Chairperson: Dr Deepti Agarwal, <i>Professor, BPS Govt Medical College, Sonapat, Haryana</i> Dr Riddhi Jaiswal, <i>Professor, KGMU, Lucknow</i> Dr Hena Ansari, <i>Professor, AMU, Aligarh</i>
6	12:30 PM 01:15 PM	<b>Dr Padam Kumari Agarwal Oration:</b> Tradition with modernity in cytopathology history: current and recent advances and concepts in Cytopathology — <b>Prof RGW Pinto</b> , <i>Former Dean and Head, Goa Medical College, Goa</i> Moderator: Dr Chayanika Kala Chairperson: Dr Asha Agarwal, <i>Professor and Former Head, GSVM Medical College, Kanpur</i> Dr Jyotsna Madan, <i>Professor and Head, former Director, PGICH Noida</i> Dr Mahendra Singh, <i>Professor, Pathology, GSVM medical college, Kanpur</i>
	01:30 PM 03:00 PM	<b>INAUGURATION FOLLOWED BY LUNCH</b>



UP-CYTOCON 2025 Scientific Program – Day 1 30th August 2025, Saturday   Venue: College-Auditorium, Papanicolaou Hall		
Sl	Time	Programme
7	03:00 PM 03:30 PM	<b>Lecture 6:</b> Grey zone in thyroid cytology — <b>Dr Kachnar Verma</b> , MLNMC, Prayagraj Moderator: Dr Vandana Mishra Tewari Chairperson: Dr Shalini Bahadur, <i>Professor, GIMS Noida</i> Dr Anupam Varshney, <i>Professor, Muzaffar Nagar Medical College.</i> Dr Atin Singhai, <i>Professor, KGMU, Lucknow</i>
8	03:30 PM 04:00 PM	<b>Lecture 7:</b> From smears to core: Breast cytology through the Yokohama lens — <b>Dr Veena Maheshwari</b> , JNMC, AMU, Aligarh Moderator: Dr Vandana Mishra Tewari Chairperson: Dr. M.P. Mishra, <i>Professor, Pathology, Narayana Medical College, Kanpur</i> Dr Roopak Agarwal, <i>Professor Pathology, UPUMS, Safai</i> Dr Anita Omhare, Kannauj, <i>Associate Professor, GMC, Kannauj</i>
9	04:00 PM 04:30 PM	<b>Lecture 8:</b> Salivary gland cytology: Pattern recognition on FNA — <b>Dr Anurag Gupta</b> , RMLIMS, Lucknow Moderator: Dr Vandana Mishra Tewari Chairperson: Dr Nidhi Verma, <i>Professor and Head, LLR Medical College, Meerut</i> Dr Hari Shankar Pandey, <i>Professor, GMC Haldwani</i> Dr J.R. Tyagi, <i>Associate Professor. ASMC, Kanpur Dehat</i>
10	04:30 PM 04:45 PM	<b>Lecture 9:</b> Insights on cervical screening with Thin Prep LBC — <b>Dr Pooja Trehan</b> , Metropolis, Lucknow Moderator: Dr Vandana Mishra Tewari Chairperson: Dr Yogendra Narayan Verma, <i>Associate Professor, GSVM Medical College, Kanpur</i> Dr Kuldeep Singh, <i>Associate Professor, ASMC, Kanpur Dehat</i>
	04:45 PM 05:00 PM	<b>GENERAL BODY MEETING</b>
	08:00 PM onwards	<b>Cultural program followed by a Banquet</b> Venue: Ganeshain Square, GSVM Medical College Campus, Kanpur





UP-CYTOCON 2025 Scientific Program – Day 2 31st August 2025, Sunday   Venue: College- Auditorium, Papanicolaou Hall		
Sl	Time	Programme
1	08:00 AM 10:00 AM	<b>ORAL PAPER PRESENTATION BY JUNIOR RESIDENTS at KOSS Hall and CIBAS Hall</b> Moderator: Dr Neetu Purwar, Dr Priya Sachan, Dr Garima Sharma, Dr Rekha Garg, Dr Neelima Sachan, Dr Namrata Nigam Chairperson: Dr S N Singh, Dr Veena Maheshwari, Dr Sonal Amit, Dr Shobha Dwivedi
2	08:45 AM 09:15 AM	<b>Lecture:</b> Deciphering Squash Cytology: Role in Neurosurgical Diagnosis — <b>Dr Vaishali Walke</b> , AIIMS, Bhopal Moderator: Dr Neelima Verma Chairperson: Dr Suman Sakhuja, <i>Former Professor, Pathology, GSVM Medical College, Kanpur</i> Dr Suman Lata Verma, <i>Professor, Pathology, GSVM Medical College, Kanpur</i> Dr Swarn Kaur, <i>Professor, BPS Govt. Medical College Sonipat, Haryana</i>
3	09:15 AM 10:00 AM	<b>Soft tissue, hard diagnosis: Slide Symposium on cytology of bone and soft tissue pathology</b> — <b>Dr Suhailur Rehman</b> , Assistant Professor, AMU, Aligarh — <b>Dr Deepika Gupta</b> , Assistant Professor, AIIMS Gorakhpur — <b>Dr Shefali Jhunjunwala</b> , Senior Consultant, Regency Hospital, Kanpur — <b>Dr Bushra Siddiqui</b> , Assistant Professor, AMU, Aligarh — <b>Dr Mala Sagar</b> , Professor, KGMU, Lucknow — <b>Dr Ruquiya Afrose</b> , Assistant Professor, AMU, Aligarh Moderator: Dr Neelima Verma Chairperson: Dr Varad Vardhan Bisen, <i>Professor and Head, ASMC, Fatehpur</i> Dr Pinky Pandey, <i>Professor and Head UPUMS, Safai</i> Dr Kanchan Srivastava, <i>Professor Pathology, BRD Medical College, Gorakhpur</i>
	10:00 AM 11:00 AM	<b>BREAKFAST</b>
4	10:45 AM 11:15 AM	<b>Smears that speak: Slide Symposium on Hemato-lymphoid Mysteries</b> — <b>Dr Anu Singh</b> , Associate Professor, IMS, BHU, Varanasi — <b>Dr Anita Omhare</b> , Associate Professor, GMC, Kannauj — <b>Dr Geeta Yadav</b> , Additional Professor, KGMU, Lucknow Moderator: Dr Namrata Nigam Chairperson: Dr Renu Jain, <i>Erstwhile Professor, GSVM Medical College, Kanpur</i> Dr Shilpa Vahikar, <i>Professor, BRD Medical College, Gorakhpur</i> Dr Mohd Faheemuddin, <i>Professor, Pathology, GMC. Banda</i>
5	11:15 AM 11:45 AM	<b>Lecture 1:</b> Evolution of the “Upcoming” WHO reporting system for Soft Tissue Cytopathology Specimens — <b>Dr Bharat Rekhi</b> , TMH, Mumbai Moderator: Dr Namrata Nigam Chairperson: Dr Mayank Singh, <i>Professor, Principal, and dean, MLB Medical College, Jhansi</i> Dr. Kafeel Akhtar, <i>Professor, AMU, Aligarh</i> Dr Deepa Rani, <i>Professor, SNMC, Agra</i>
6	11:45 AM 12:15 PM	<b>Lecture 2:</b> Serous Fluid Cytology Reporting: Embracing the International Standard” Aligning Pathologic Insight with Clinical Action — <b>Dr Zeeba S Jairajpuri</b> , HIMSR, New Delhi Moderator: Dr Namrata Nigam Chairperson: Dr Lubna Khan, <i>Professor and Head, GSVM Medical College, Kanpur</i> Dr Alka Sharma, <i>Senior Pathologist, Biopsy Centre</i> Dr Ajay Narang, <i>Professor and Head, Rama Medical College Kanpur</i>



UP-CYTOCON 2025 Scientific Program – Day 2 31st August 2025, Sunday   Venue: College- Auditorium, Papanicolaou Hall		
Sl	Time	Programme
7	12:15 PM 12:45 PM	<b>Lecture 3:</b> Grey zone in gynae cytology: ASCUS/ASCH — <b>Dr Nidhi Verma</b> , MAMC, New Delhi Moderator: Dr Neetu Purwar Chairperson: Dr Sanjeev Kumar Singh, <i>Professor, UPUMS, Safai</i> Dr Sonal Amit, <i>Professor, ASMC, Kanpur Dehat</i> Dr Ruquiya Afrose, <i>Assistant Professor, AMU, Aligarh</i>
8	12:45 PM 01:15 PM	<b>Lecture 4:</b> Role of immune-histochemistry on cell blocks for diagnosis of malignancy: A paradigm shift in cancer management — <b>Dr Nishat Afroz</b> , JNMC, AMU, Aligarh Moderator: Dr Neetu Purwar Chairperson: Dr Praveen Saraswat, <i>Senior Pathologist, Saraswat Pathology</i> Dr Rajesh Gautam, <i>Professor, GMC, Ambedkar Nagar</i> Dr Sudeep Thakur, <i>Senior Pathologist, Sudeep's Path Lab</i>
9	01:15 PM 02:15 PM	<b>LUNCH: E poster evaluation</b> Moderator: Dr Vandana Mishra Tewari, Dr Chayanika Kala, Dr Sunita Chairperson: Dr Shaila Mitra, <i>Professor BRD Medical College, Gorakhpur</i> Dr Deepika Gupta, <i>AIIMS, Gorakhpur</i> Dr Sanjay Kumar Kannaujia, <i>UPUMS, Safai</i> Dr Sunita Yadav, <i>RML IMS, Lucknow</i> Dr Shalini Shukla, <i>GIMS, Noida</i> Dr Rajeev Ranjan, <i>GMC, Kannauj</i>
10	02:15 PM 04:15 PM	<b>CYTOLOGY CASE MEDLEY: Interesting case presentation by the faculty of state medical colleges</b> — <b>Dr Varsha Gupta</b> , <i>Associate Professor, MLNMC, Prayagraj</i> — <b>Dr Deepa Rani</b> , <i>Professor, SNMC, Agra</i> — <b>Dr Shivanjali Raghuvanshi</b> , <i>Professor (Junior grade), KGMU, Lucknow</i> — <b>Dr Jyoti Verma</b> , <i>Assistant Professor, AIIMS Manglagiri</i> — <b>Dr Pallavi Prasad</b> , <i>Associate Professor, SGPGIMS, Lucknow</i> — <b>Dr Malti Kumari Maurya</b> , <i>Professor, KGMU, Lucknow</i> — <b>Dr Priyanka Rai</b> , <i>Associate Professor, MDB ASMC, Deoria</i> — <b>Dr Deepti Gupta</b> , <i>Principal Consultant, Regency Hospital</i> — <b>Dr Sonal Amit</b> , <i>Professor and Head, ASMC, Kanpur Dehat</i> Chairperson: Dr Shobha Dwivedi, <i>Associate Professor, J K Cancer Institute, Kanpur</i> Dr Neelima Verma, <i>Professor, GSVM Medical College, Kanpur</i> Dr Nupur Trivedi, <i>Regency Hospital</i>
11	04:15 PM 04:30 PM	<b>The QUIZ wizard</b> Judges: Dr Swapnil Gupta, Dr Garima Sharma
12	5:00 PM onwards	<b>VALEDICTORY FUNCTION AND VOTE OF THANKS FOLLOWED BY HIGH TEA</b> —Dr Chayanika Kala





## Glimpses of UPCYTOCON 2025





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## REPORT ON

## Delhi Chapter of Indian Academy of Cytologists

Submitted by **Dr. Shilpi Agarwal**

Secretary, Delhi Chapter of Indian Academy of Cytologists

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Dr. Meeta Singh

### REPORT OF DCIAC FOR NEWSLETTER

1. Life Members : 618
  2. Scientific events – 10th Annual conference of DCIAC at AIIMS, New Delhi (September 27-28, 2025)
- (2a) Pre-Conference Workshop: Ultrasound-Guided FNAC
- Faculty: Led by esteemed international faculty:  
Dr. Rema Rao Chaari (Cleveland Clinic, USA)  
Dr. Dianna L. Ng (Memorial Sloan Kettering, USA)
- Attendance: Sixty delegates
- Key Activities:
- Live demonstration of ultrasonography machines.
  - Identification of normal and tumorous lesions of the neck.
- Highlight: Integrated imaging guidance into cytology practice in India by using custom-made gelatin phantoms (embedded with cranberries and pom-pom balls) to simulate target lesions for real-time USG-guided FNAC practice.
- (2b) 10th Annual Conference of DCIAC
- Attendance: Over 230 attendees, including residents and faculty from across Delhi and the National Capital Region.

### SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

#### *International Faculty Guest Lectures:*

- “Indeterminate Thyroid Cytology – Updates on the Classification System and Molecular Testing” by Dr. Rema Rao Chaari.
- “Challenging Cases and Pitfalls in Thyroid Fine Needle Aspiration Biopsies” by Dr. Dianna L. Ng
- **Industry Presentation:** “End-to-End Cervical Screening Solutions on LBC” by Ms. Shweta Singh (Product Manager, Hemogenomics).

- Award Oral Papers – 3;
- Potpourri Oral Papers – 11;
- e-Posters – 89 (Original Studies - 13, Case Series – 12, Case Reports – 64)
- **Lifetime Achievement Award:**  
Honoree: Prof. Kusum Verma, for her outstanding contributions to Cytology in India.
- **Pioneering Contributions:**
  - Establish the cytopathology laboratories at AIIMS, New Delhi (1972) and Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, Delhi (2005).
  - Credited with establishing accreditation for cytology laboratories.
  - Initiated the National Examination for Cytotechnologists in India.
  - Served as Dean Academics at AIIMS, New Delhi, and Sub-Dean at the Ganga Ram Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education and Research.

## Quiz Session for postgraduate students

## Conference Pictures







## Workshop Pictures



*Felicitaton of  
Dr. Kusum Verma*



## Scientific Activities planned for 2026

- Workshop on cytology of guided FNA/FNB from intra-abdominal organs on 21st February 2026 at Sir Gangaram Hospital, New Delhi
- 11th annual conference of DCIAC at Maulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi in September 2026



## WORKSHOP ON CYTOLOGY OF GUIDED FNA/FNB FROM INTRA-ABDOMINAL ORGANS

**21st February 2026 | 8.30 am to 4.30 pm**  
**Sri Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi**  
under the aegis of DCIAC

Dive into the challenges, mysteries and victories of diagnosing intrabdominal lesions. Welcoming all trainees and practicing pathologists.

Sessions will focus on  
cytopathology of

- Liver
- Stomach
- Pancreas
- Biliary Tree
- Adrenal
- Retroperitoneum
- Lymph Nodes



**Pooja Bakshi**  
Organising  
Chairperson

**Only 40 Seats  
available  
Registrations  
to open soon**





## REPORT ON Karnataka Chapter of Indian Academy of Cytologist

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Dr Veena Mane

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Dr Hilda Fernandis

### IAC-KC Report 2025

Date: 28.3.25

Executive committee meeting was held for quarter monthly updates from January to March 2025.

- It was decided to host this year state annual conference tentatively by this year end. Two venues are short listed.
- Dr Anita P Javalgi participated as Resource Person/ Quiz master at AIPNA-ICP Internal Conference held at JNMC Belagavi, KLE university between 7.2.25 to 9.2.25
- Dr Col U S Dinesh conducted Slide Seminar for post graduates on 20.3.2025 at SDM College of Medical Sciences and Hospital.
- Dr Anita P Javalgi is delivering a lecture on Endocervical lesions and Pap smear tentatively in July 2025 at JJMMC in Karnataka.
- Medical Colleges at Karnataka are regularly conducting Cytology Slide seminars.

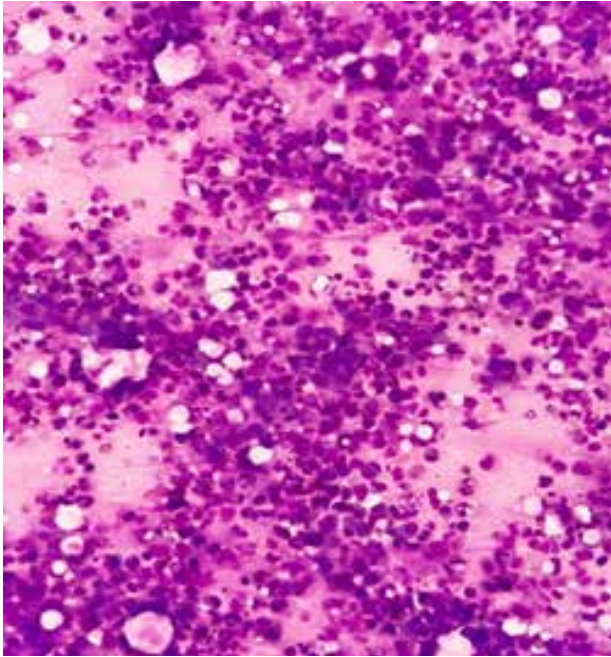
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*President IAC-KC*

**Dr Anita P Javalgi**  
*Secretary IAC-KC*

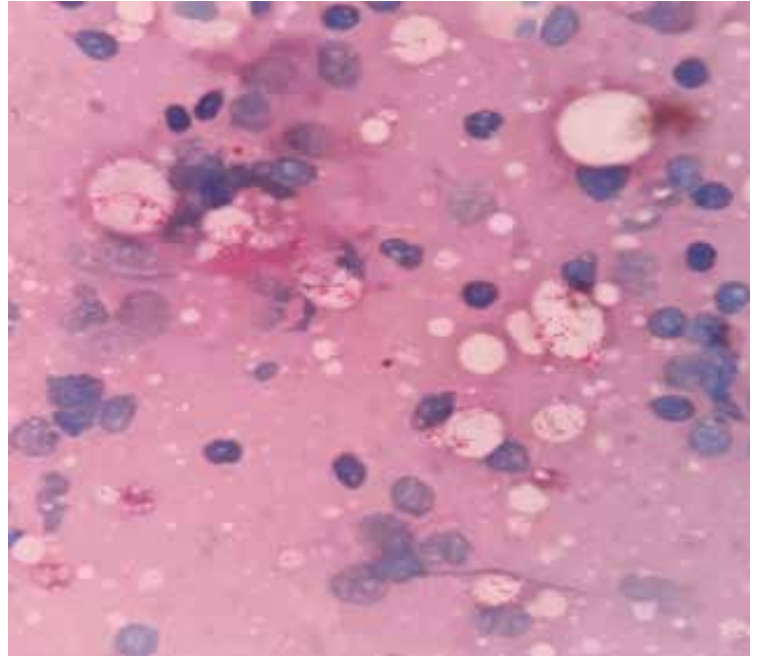
## Quiz 1 | ENL

*Contributed by* **Dr. Deepa Rani**, Professor, Pathology, S. N. Medical College, Agra

A 16 year female presented to OPD with painful inguinal swelling for 1.5 years and recurrent fever and night sweats for 6 months.



*Fig1: MGG X 400*



*Fig2: ZN stain X 1000*

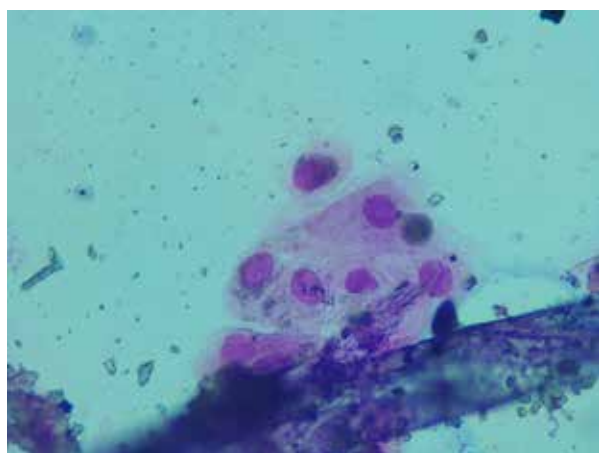
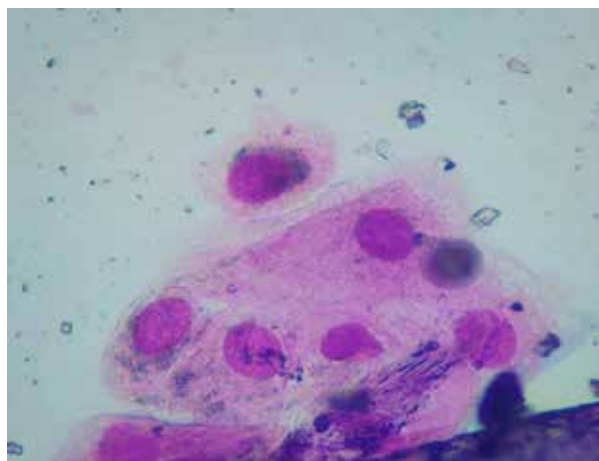


## Quiz 2 | Corneal Conjunctival Melanosis

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Q. 14 year male with history of long standing conjunctival patch since last 10 years with limbal lesion and foreign body sensation. Ocular scrapes prepared





## Answers to previous Quiz

1. **Chondroid hamartoma** of the lung (also known as a pulmonary hamartoma): It is the most common benign lung tumor composed of a mix of mature tissues like cartilage, fat, and smooth muscle. They are usually small, but can sometimes be large, endobronchial (blocking the airway), or have cystic components, leading to symptoms such as cough, shortness of breath, etc. Imaging, shows characteristic “popcorn-like” calcifications. Surgical removal is the definitive treatment
2. **Symplastic scrotal leiomyoma**: It is a rare, benign tumor of the scrotum that arises from smooth muscle, characterized by bizarre, atypical-looking nuclei (symplastic cells) but lacking other signs of malignancy. While generally benign, this variant presents a potential diagnostic challenge because its atypical features can mimic a malignant leiomyosarcoma, necessitating close follow-up after complete surgical removal.
3. **Rhinoscleroma**: It is a chronic bacterial infection caused by *Klebsiella rhinoscleromatis*, which affects the nose and other upper respiratory tract structures. It progresses through three stages: catarrhal (early inflammation), granulomatous (mass formation), and sclerotic (scarring), leading to symptoms like nasal obstruction, discharge, and potential airway narrowing. Treatment involves prolonged courses of antibiotics, often combined with surgical debridement for severe cases, though relapse rates are high.





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## 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 CYTOCON2025 to be held Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education and Research (JIPMER) in Puducherry under the leadership of Dr. N. Siddharaju, and dynamic Secretary cum Treasurer Dr. Debasis Gochhait along with the whole team of JIPMER. They have taken great efforts to make CYTOCON 2025 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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