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The DCIAC annual cytology workshop of 2026 was successfully conducted by the Department of Cytopathology, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi, on 21st February 2026. The workshop was titled "Cytology of Guided FNA/FNB from Intra-abdominal Organs." The organizing chairperson was Dr. Pooja Bakshi, Director, Department of Cytopathology, SGRH, and her team comprised Dr. Poojan Agarwal, Dr. Gunjan Mangla, and Dr. Swetaben Italiya. The guest of honor was Dr. Manju Kaushal, President of IAC, who inaugurated the event along with Dr. Shyama Jain (President of DCIAC) and Dr. Shilpi Agarwal (Secretary of DCIAC). Over 100 delegates and 15 faculty members from all over Delhi NCR attended the workshop, demonstrating the overwhelming response.

The conference program included didactic lectures with eminent faculty from top medical institutes of Delhi sharing their expertise. Lectures included cytology of gastrointestinal lesions and primary and metastatic lesions of the gallbladder, liver, and pancreatobiliary system. Challenges in the cytology of abdominal lymph nodes, adrenal, and retroperitoneal lesions were also discussed.

The lectures were followed by hands-on microscopic slide viewing and a live interactive session showcasing a wide spectrum of more than 50 cases of intra-abdominal lesions. Emphasis was on cytomorphology, pitfalls, and use of ancillary tests like immunohistochemistry and molecular testing.

In the era of precision medicine, pathologists are expected to give an accurate diagnosis on smaller and smaller tissue samples. This workshop was a step in the training of budding young pathologists in this field.

We express our heartfelt gratitude to the Department of Pathology, AIIMS, New Delhi, for the generous donation of five lakh rupees. Their commitment to our academy is truly commendable, and we appreciate this kind gesture.

Regards,
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