

Report of Association of Cytologists of Maharashtra (MaCyCON 2026)

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The 9th Annual Conference of the Association of Cytologists of Maharashtra (MACyCON 2026) was organized by the Department of Pathology, MGM Medical College, Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar (Aurangabad), on 14th and 15th February 2026. The conference was attended by over 250 delegates from across the state, and 64 scientific papers and posters were presented during the event.

The prestigious “Dr. Shobha Grover Oration” was delivered by Dr. Sangeeta Mantoo, Senior Consultant and Section Head of Cytology, Department of Anatomic Pathology, Singapore General Hospital. She delivered an insightful lecture on the ‘Approach to Cytomorphologic Diagnosis of Pancreaticobiliary Tumors.’ The comprehensive presentation, supported by excellent illustrative images, was highly appreciated by the delegates.

The conference featured a wide range of academic activities, including invited lectures, a symposium, a slide seminar, a postgraduate quiz, and a hands-on slide viewing session. Dr. H. R. Kokandkar delivered a lecture on the pitfalls in breast cytology, highlighting its advantages and limitations. Dr. Chandrashekhar Bhale and Dr. Sachin Kale presented a session titled ‘Tips and Tricks in Cytology Reporting,’ which covered essential principles of cytology reporting and provided valuable guidance on avoiding common errors. Dr. Shubhada Kane spoke on ‘Tightening the Nuts and Bolts of Thyroid FNAC,’ sharing her experience in addressing common diagnostic challenges in thyroid cytology and strategies to enhance the diagnostic utility of fine-needle aspiration cytology (FNAC).

The postgraduate quiz was conducted by Dr. Anupama Gupta and Dr. Rajendra Chaudhari. The quiz encompassed a broad spectrum of classic non-neoplastic and neoplastic lesions and was both educational and visually engaging for the participants.

The much-anticipated digital slide seminar was conducted by Dr. Prashant Ramteke and moderated by Dr. M. M. Kamal and Dr. Shubhada Kane. The session facilitated discussion of digitally scanned cytology slides.

A symposium on “Utility of Standardised Reporting Systems in Cytopathology with Special Emphasis on Atypical/Grey Zone Lesions” was moderated by Dr. Bharat Rekhi, who also delivered a talk on the reporting of soft tissue lesions. Other speakers included Dr. Suseela Kodandapani (Gynecologic Cytology), Dr Suprita Nayak (Fluid Cytology), and Dr. Vikas Kavishwar (Lymph Node Cytology). The symposium generated interactive discussion and was well received by the audience. Mr. Saleem Pathuthara, along with a team of cytotechnologists from Tata Memorial Hospital, conducted a session on cytology techniques. The session covered cytopreparation of fluids, troubleshooting in Papanicolaou and Giemsa staining, cell block preparation, and Rapid On-Site Evaluation (ROSE). The glass slide viewing session was conducted by Dr. Kanchan Kothari, Dr. Mona Agnihotri, and Dr. Sangeeta Kini. Delegates had the opportunity to view cases of thyroid, breast, lymph node, skin and soft tissue, pancreaticobiliary, gynecologic, fluid, urine, and central nervous system squash cytology.

The conference offered valuable academic enrichment for all categories of delegates, including postgraduate students, practicing pathologists, and medical college faculty. The management of MGM Medical College Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar, the Organizing Chairperson and Head of the Department of Pathology Dr. Chandrashekhar Bhale, the Organizing Secretary, Dr. Sachin Kale and their entire team put in commendable efforts to ensure the grand success of the conference.



