



56TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE INDIAN ACADEMY OF CYTOLOGISTS



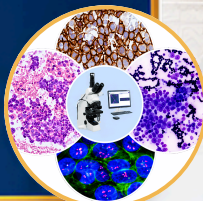
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20TH – 23RD
NOVEMBER 2026



VENUE
Shruti Auditorium,
SGPGIMS, Lucknow

THEME

Next-Gen Cytology:
AI, Molecular Diagnostics
and Clinical Relevance



ORGANISED BY
Department of Pathology,
SGPGIMS, Lucknow



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Professor, Dept of Pathology, SGPGIMS



ABOUT EVENT

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to CYTOCON 2026, the 56th Annual Conference of the Indian Academy of Cytologists, being hosted by the Department of Pathology, Sanjay Gandhi Postgraduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Lucknow, from 20th to 23rd November 2026.

The conference will feature workshops on Cervical Cytology (LBC), Cell Block, ICC & FISH, Salivary Gland Cytology, Thyroid Cytology, Effusion Cytology: Morphology to Ancillary Techniques, and How to Write a Paper. I am confident that this CME, conference, and workshop will provide a valuable platform for postgraduates, senior faculty, senior residents, and practicing pathologists with an interest in cytopathology, interventional cytology, and molecular cytology to enhance their knowledge of various techniques in this evolving field.

THEME FOR CYTOCON 2026

“Next-Gen Cytology: AI, Molecular diagnostics and Clinical Relevance”

As cytopathologists, we are increasingly at the interface of laboratory medicine and clinical decision-making. This theme reflects our collective commitment not only to refining diagnostic accuracy but also to improving clinical relevance and patient outcomes.

CYTOCON 2026 promises to be an excellent academic feast—featuring distinguished orations, national and international guest lectures, interactive CME sessions, a timely symposium on artificial intelligence in pathology, and hands-on workshops in key areas of diagnostic cytopathology. The scientific program has been meticulously curated to offer valuable learning opportunities for experienced practitioners, faculty members, residents, and young trainees.

The vibrant city of Lucknow, with its unique blend of heritage and hospitality, offers the perfect backdrop for this academic gathering. Beyond the scientific sessions, we hope delegates will find time to network, collaborate, and enjoy the cultural offerings of the host city.

I extend my heartfelt appreciation to Dr. Manoj Jain, Dr. Vinita Aggarwal, and the entire organizing team for their dedication and vision in bringing this conference to life. I warmly invite you all to join us in Lucknow and contribute to making CYTOCON 2026 a memorable, grand success and an enriching experience.

With warm regards,



PROF. MANOJ JAIN
ORGANIZING CHAIRPERSON



PROF. VINITA AGRAWAL
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DR. RAM NAWAL RAO
ORGANIZING SECRETARY

WELCOME MESSAGE



DR. RAM NAWAL RAO

Organizing Secretary, Professor, Dept of Pathology, SGPGIMS

Dear Colleagues,

Greetings from the Organizing Committee of CYTOCON 2026!

It is with great pride and anticipation that we welcome the entire cytology fraternity consultants (IAC and non-IAC members), residents, faculty, national and international speakers, technologists (IAC and non-IAC members), fellows, researchers, and industry collaborators—to the 56th Annual Conference of the Indian Academy of Cytologists, to be held from 20th–23rd November 2026 at the Shruti Auditorium, SGPGIMS, Lucknow, UP, India.

This academic conclave is designed to be a confluence of innovation, clinical expertise, cytological advancements, Artificial Intelligence, molecular cytopathology, and shared learning across all domains of cytology including various Workshops with molecular techniques. It offers a unique opportunity to challenging cases, exchange transformative ideas, and highlight the rapid growth of cytological practices in our country.

We extend a heartfelt invitation to practicing cytologists, residents, faculty members, and industry partners to contribute actively through case submissions, scientific interactions, and academic engagement. Let us come together to shape the future of cytology with artificial intelligence and inspire the next generation of cytologists.

We look forward to welcoming you to the City of Nawabs—Lucknow—and to your enthusiastic participation and valuable presence at CYTOCON 2026.

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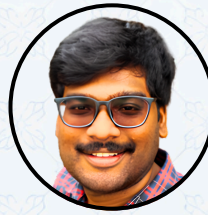
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CME+Conf+Workshop (20th - 23rd Nov 2026)

Attendee Types	Early-Bird Up to - 10th July 2026	11th July - 31st Aug 2026	1st Sep - 20th Nov 2026 / Spot
Consultant IAC Member	INR 12000	INR 14000	INR 16000
Consultant Non-IAC Member	INR 13000	INR 15000	INR 17000
Resident	INR 7000	INR 9000	INR 11000
International Consultant	\$170	\$195	\$215
Technologist IAC Member	INR 6000	INR 8000	INR 10000
Technologist Non-IAC Member	INR 7000	INR 9000	INR 11000
Accompanying Person	INR 6000	INR 6000	INR 6000

CONFERENCE+WORKSHOP (21st - 23rd Nov 2026)

Attendee Types	Early-Bird Up to - 10th July 2026	11th July - 31st Aug 2026	1st Sep - 20th Nov 2026 / Spot
Consultant IAC Member	INR 11000	INR 13000	INR 15000
Consultant Non-IAC Member	INR 12000	INR 14000	INR 16000
Resident	INR 7500	INR 9500	INR 11500
International Consultant	\$150	\$175	\$195
Technologist IAC Member	INR 6000	INR 8000	INR 10000
Technologist Non-IAC Member	INR 7500	INR 9500	INR 11500
Accompanying Person	INR 3500	INR 3500	INR 3500

***All the Amounts Excluding 18% GST.**

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CME + CONFERENCE (20th - 22nd Nov 2026)

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Consultant Non-IAC Member	INR 11500	INR 13500	INR 15500
Resident	INR 7000	INR 9000	INR 11000
International Consultant	\$150	\$165	\$175
Technologist IAC Member	INR 5500	INR 7500	INR 9500
Technologist Non-IAC Member	INR 7000	INR 9000	INR 11000
Accompanying Person	INR 3500	INR 3500	INR 3500

CONFERENCE (21st - 22nd Nov 2026)

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Consultant IAC Member	INR 8000	INR 10000	INR 12000
Consultant Non-IAC Member	INR 8500	INR 10500	INR 12500
Resident	INR 5000	INR 7000	INR 9000
International Consultant	\$130	\$150	\$170
Technologist IAC Member	INR 4500	INR 6500	INR 8500
Technologist Non-IAC Member	INR 5000	INR 7000	INR 9000
Accompanying Person	INR 3500	INR 3500	INR 3500

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CONFERENCE



DAY 1 - CME (20-11-2026)

- Pre-Conference CME : Molecular Pathology : Next Generation Diagnostics
- IAC Executive Council Meeting
- Inauguration and Cultural Program



DAY 2 - CONFERENCE (21-11-2026)

- Prof. P N Wahi Oration
- Oral Award Paper: Nalini Bai Thakkar (NBT) Award Session
- Oral Award Paper: Jwala Devi Award Session
- IAC Academy Oration
- IAC Academy Guest Lecture
- E-Poster and Oral Proffered Presentation I
- General Body Meeting (GBM)
- Banquets and Gala Dinner



DAY 3 - CONFERENCE (22-11-2026)

- Oral Paper Presentation Session II
- Ernest Fernandez Award Slide Seminar Session
- Dr. Subash Kumari Gupta Memorial Lecture Oration
- Symposium : Guided FNAC of Abdominal and Pelvic Organs
- Col. D B Nair Memorial Award Session
- Proffered Papers (Oral) and E-Poster Presentations
- Cytology Quiz for the Postgraduates
- Award Distribution and Valedictory Function



DAY 4 - WORKSHOPS (23-11-2026)

- Workshop - 1 : Cervical Cytology (LBC) with Molecular Techniques
- Workshop - 2 : Cellblock, ICC & FISH
- Workshop - 3 : Salivary Gland Cytology
- Workshop - 4 : Thyroid Cytology
- Workshop - 5 : Effusion Cytology : Morphology to Ancillary Techniques
- Workshop - 6 : Decoding the Art and Science of Publication & Presentation

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