



56TH Annual Conference of the Indian Academy of Cytologists

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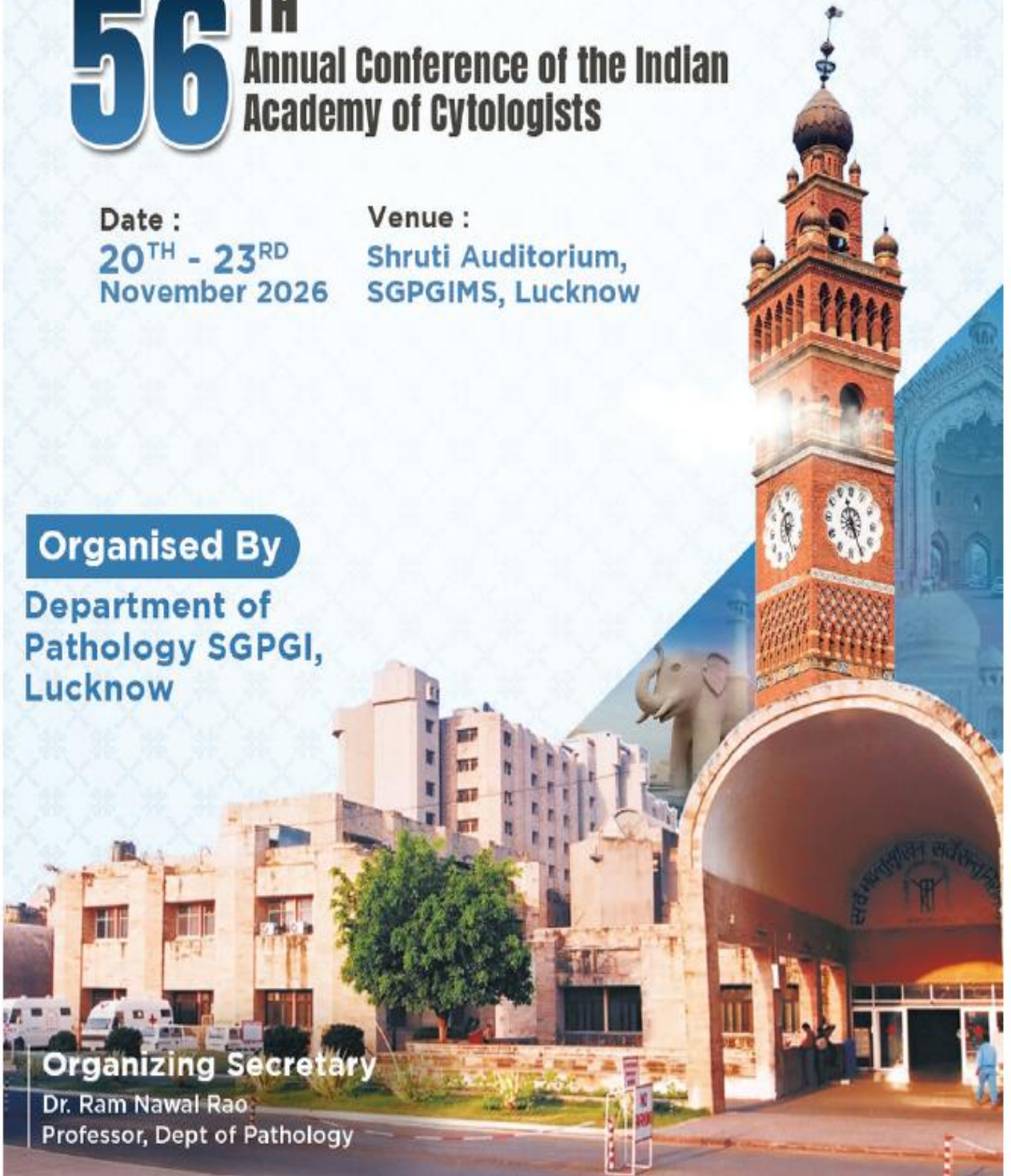
Venue :
Shruti Auditorium,
SGPGIMS, Lucknow

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Welcome Message



DR. RAM NAWAL RAO

Organizing Secretary, Professor, Dept of Pathology

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, molecular cytopathology, and shared learning across all domains of cytology. It offers a unique opportunity to showcase 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 stakeholders 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.

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.

The theme for this year's conference is: "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.