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## Message from the President

Respected Members of IAPM,

Bringing you greetings from IAPM and welcome to the second quarter of the year 2025.

While planning this year's programme and its execution, the following initiatives took shape—thanks to the dedicated efforts of our office bearers over the past five months, with strong support from IAPM Secretary, Dr. Ranjan Agrawal.

1. To revise the APCON scientific programme to highlight advancements in pathology, making it more patient-focused, technology-driven, and practical through interactive sessions, skill-based workshops, and live demonstrations."

By shortening the talks including orations and CMEs and minimizing formalities, the IAPM Academic body has streamlined the programme through dedicated effort. Kudos to the team! Dear members, do join with your faculty and residents to actively participate in this APCON 2025 at Jammu Dec 3-6, 2025. "

2. To spark interest and academic excellence in Pathology through a structured quiz for MBBS and postgraduate students at state, zonal, and national levels."

By empowering the State chapters who are leading a nationwide Pathology quiz initiative for MBBS students across 539 NMC-approved colleges—an impactful first step toward unified academic engagement. Thanks to all State Chapter presidents and Secretaries and coordinators Dr. Varsha Dhume and Dr. Vaishali for making this possible.

3. To support the above missions 1 and 2, we will try best to revamp the IAPM website to deliver a modern, engaging, and professional mobile friendly platform that reflects our mission and stature while aligning with contemporary digital trends.

By launching a user-friendly, mobile-optimized, secure, and visually appealing IAPM website by Oct–Nov 2025, with integrated content management, member features, a strong repository, and dynamic event updates. Grateful to Dr. Vijay Shankar, Dr. Ranjan Agrawal, Dr. Sachin Kale, and Dr. Ramya from the Social Media Group for driving this forward. Let's keep the momentum going!

With these jobs at hand, let's open our doors to students, promote clinical-pathological collaborations, place labs at the core of hospitals and integrate Pathology with clinical and radiological findings and not make it "stand alone". Practical learning through workshops, while valuing traditional foundations amid modern advances, is the key. Lets promote standardized protocols to boost global credibility, and at this moment, there is a need for a strong telepathology network for second opinions. Your ideas to strengthen IAPM is invaluable and are always welcome.

Best wishes to all academic bodies, Subspecialty Associations, and State chapters for their upcoming Conferences-wishing you a fruitful academic season. Goodbye until we meet again!

Best regards,

(Dr. Usha Kini)



## Message from the Secretary IAPM

Dear Members,

I hope that this April - June 2025 issue of IAPM News bulletin finds you all in the best of health and spirit. We are nearing to our Annual Conference (APCON 2025) and are filled with full enthusiasm and valour. The event as every year is packed with scientifically rich sessions including 4 Orations, 3 Guest lectures by Invited foreign speakers, 3 Symposiums, 18 parallel specialty CMEs, 12 Breakfast sessions, PG and UG Final round of Quiz competitions and numerous prize presentations and sessions. I request all the IAPM members to regularly visit IAPM and APCON 2025 websites for regular updates, and also register for APCON 2025 in large numbers.



The land of temples - Jammu has not only its spiritual significance but now is blended with a rich academic feast also. The annual IAPM conference this year (APCON 2025) will be held at Govt. Medical College, Jammu from 3-7 December 2025. All Pathologists are requested to attend the conference and present their research activities.

Announcements for various prize papers of IAPM has already been made, however repeat details are again printed in this Newsbulletin. All IAPM members can avail the opportunity. Various other announcements have also been made in this Newsbulletin. All IAPM members are requested to look into those notifications and apply accordingly. Details of the guidelines for all IAPM activities are easily available in the IAPM Blue Book of Byelaws on the home page of the official website of IAPM and also in the newsbulletins.

Jai Hind

Long Live IAPM !



**Dr. Ranjan Agrawal**

Hony. Secretary IAPM

## Important Announcements

1. Member Login: IAPM Members who wish to update their profile including email, password, affiliation etc can do so easily by logging to the IAPM website <https://www.iapm.org.in> On the right side enter your IAPM Life Membership number or registered email ID. In case you forgot your password you can reset it again with the help of forgot password link. Even the Membership certificate and Identity card can be downloaded once logged in.
2. Member details update: A goggle form is also available on the IAPM website <https://www.iapm.org.in> (Request for change of correspondence address). The filled in form can be submitted which will reach the IAPM office and your details will be updated accordingly.
3. Life Members of IAPM who wish to suggest any changes in the IAPM Byelaws may send their suggestions / points via email to the Secretary IAPM at [secretary1iapm@gmail.com](mailto:secretary1iapm@gmail.com).

## State Chapter Report for April- June 2025

Season's Greetings from Mumbai. Everyone is gearing up of conferences after enjoying their summer breaks. Thanks to all the state chapters for their overwhelming response to IAPM UG quiz. ("539 colleges from 21 state chapters" including Goa and Union territory of Andaman and Nicobar)

### Haryana Chapter:

National conference was organized by ESIC Medical College, Faridabad with more than 200 delegates. There were six workshops including live gating for applications of Flow cytometry in Hematopathology. It was organized under the aegis of Indian Society of Hematology and Blood Transfusion (ISHBT) along with Indian College of Hematology (ICH) and IAPM Haryana Chapter. The event was graced by Dr. HP Pati, Dean, ICH, Dr. Renu Saxena, New Delhi and Dr Sunita Singh, President IAPM Haryana Chapter. The organizing team comprising of Brig. Dr. Tathagata Chatterjee, Dr. Mukta Pujani and Dr. Dipti Sidam and others ensured successful organization of the event. Institutional level UG Quiz was conducted by 9 medical colleges under Haryana Chapter followed by 3 zonal rounds. State Level IAPM UG Quiz shall be conducted at Pt. BD Sharma PGIMS Rohtak with Dr Sonia Chhabra as the Co-Ordinator for Haryana state.



### Jammu & Kashmir Chapter:

In April 2025, the Departments of Biochemistry and Pathology at GMC Jammu jointly hosted a CME and hands-on workshop on Electrophoresis, under the aegis of AMBI and JKIAM. With over 300 delegates in attendance, the event featured expert lectures by Dr. Jyotsna Suri, Dr. Rachna Sabharwal, and Dr. Ashima Badyal.

The annual academic event "JK PATHCON 2025" was hosted at SKIMS Medical College, Bemina on 3rd May 2025. The conference featured keynote addresses by Dr. Usha Kini, Dr. Neha Mittal, and Dr. Nishat Afroz, and drew over 250 delegates. Seven oral papers and thirty-eight posters were presented by postgraduate students and distinguished pathologists Dr. A.R. Khan and Prof. Dr. Ruby Rishi were felicitated for their contributions. JKIAM organized the IAPM National UG Quiz 2025 institutional level rounds at GMC Jammu with participation from eleven teams of 2nd and 3rd year MBBS students. These academic initiatives were conducted under the dynamic leadership of Chairperson Dr Kuldeep Singh.

### Karnataka Chapter :

National Pathology Day Celebrations was celebrated on April 13th, 2025 with two special interviews which were released on the official KCIAPM YouTube Channel featuring Dr. Usha Kini, President, IAPM and Dr. Suresh Hanagavadi, Past President, KCIAPM. PathVarna, the official Newsletter and Magazine of KCIAP was also launched as a standalone website. The monthly KCIAPM



Slide Seminars were conducted at Yenepoya Medical College, Mangaluru and MR Medical College, Kalaburagi on 30th April and by R.V. Metropolis, Bengaluru on 28th May. The 6-month online course titled "Entrustable Professional Activities" concluded successfully in May 2025, training 20 pathology educators across India. Course Director was Dr. Reshma Kini, FMMC, Mangaluru and international faculty included Dr. Marije Hennis (The Netherlands) & Dr. Daniel (Canada). Journal of Diagnostic and Academic Pathology (JDAP) – Volume 2, Issue 1 was published. As part of the KCIAPM School of Pathology, a webinar titled "Cracking the Clot Code: Demystifying Coagulation Disorders" was delivered on May 17, 2025 by Dr. Suresh Hanagavadi.

### **Maharashtra Chapter:**

In the month of April, institutional screening rounds for the IAPM UG quiz 2025 were conducted in all medical colleges in Maharashtra followed by 6 zonal rounds in the month of May. Twelve teams (2 from each region) were selected who will now compete for the state round to be held later in July. The



Mid-year CME of the Association of Pathologists (Maharashtra Chapter - IAPM) was successfully held at Bharati Vidyapeeth Medical College, Sangli on April 26th & 27th, 2025, with a total of 230 delegates. The theme of the CME was “Bridging the Gap: Integrating Histopathology with Molecular Diagnostics.” The two-day event featured sessions covering key topics such as molecular updates in endometrial and breast cancers, microsatellite instability in colorectal cancer, CNS tumours, thyroid nodules, and complex ovarian tumours. Slide seminars were also held on lymphoma, urogenital tumours, and head & neck lesions. The CME concluded with a poster presentation session. A banquet was hosted on the evening of April 26th to encourage informal academic interactions. The CME was conducted in association with AOP(MC-IAPM) and it had 4 MMC points.

### **North-East Chapter:**

The Department of Pathology, Tezpur Medical College & Hospital (TMCH), successfully hosted Mid-Term CME of the North East Regional Chapter of the IAPM (NERC IAPM) on 4th June 2025. The event drew over 175 delegates from across the Northeast and featured 26 poster presentations. centered around the theme “Evolving Trends in Gynaecological Pathology – Where Are We Now?”, the CME included insightful sessions by national experts Dr. Vinita Pandey and Dr. Shilpa Prabhudesai (Tata Cancer Care Foundation, Mumbai), Dr. Vani Ravi Kumar (Metropolis Healthcare Ltd., Bangalore), and prominent local speakers from the region.



### **North-West Chapter:**

The Department of Pathology at Government Medical College and Hospital (GMCH), Chandigarh, successfully hosted the annual Conference of the North-West Chapter of IAPM on 20th April 2025. The organising team comprising of Dr. Uma Handa, Dr. Anita Tahlan, Dr. Anshu Palta and others worked hard to make it a grand success. The event witnessed around 400 delegates from Punjab, Himachal Pradesh Chandigarh and



neighbouring states along with 50 senior faculty members. The scientific program covered Renal pathology, Gastrointestinal pathology, Myelodysplastic syndrome and Endometrial pathology. Eminent speakers included Dr. Radhika Srinivasan and Dr. Ritambhara Nada, Dr. Sumit Gujral, Dr. Prasenjit Das and others. A total of 126 papers including both oral papers and posters were presented. Slide seminar was hosted with a difference as the link of scanned slides were shared with all delegates approximately one week prior to conference.

### Telangana Chapter :

"Midterm CPD under the aegis of Telangana State Chapter of IAPM (TS IAPM), titled 'Insights into Pulmonary Pathology,' was successfully held at Gandhi Medical College on June 14, 2025 with 650 delegates. Distinguished Speakers included Dr. Pradeep Vaideeshwar, Dr. Sharada Nagoti, Dr. Deepa Adiga. The conference explored various aspects of pulmonary pathology, including bronchoscopic Pulmonary Biopsies, recent Advances and Molecular Aspects of Lung Carcinoma, Case-Based Discussions of Benign and Malignant Lung Lesions, Pulmonary Cytopathology and lung Autopsy. Additionally, a quiz was conducted for postgraduate students



### UP Chapter:

In April to June 2025 quarter, two academic events were held under aegis of UP Chapter of IAPM. The first event was CME on "Tumours and Mimics of Head and Neck Neoplasms" organized by Greater Noida Institute of Medical Sciences, Greater Noida on 8th April under leadership of Dr Shivani Kalhan and Dr Shalini Shukla. The scientific program included 5 guest lectures and 1 case based slide seminar on topics related to thyroid, salivary glands, oral & nasal cavities and paediatric neoplasms. A total attendance of 80 delegates with 14 poster presentations by postgraduates.



### West Bengal Chapter:

On 8th April, 2025, an inter-college PG Quiz was held by Dr. Rajib Kumar Mondal at NRS Medical College on and eight medical colleges participated. On 13th April, 2025 at IMA Bhawan, Kolkata. Prof. Anup Roy gave an illuminating talk on Virchow the most versatile pathologist. Dr. Rajib Kumar Mondal enlightened us about Dr. Khanolkar. An online lecture on 'Nuances of Testicular Germ cell tumours' was delivered by Prof. Dr Santosh Menon on 19th April. 3rd APM WB monthly meeting was organised at Medica Superspeciality Hospital by Dr Subhalaxmi Sengupta.



On 8th May, APMWB arranged a lecture by Dr Divya Midha on Endometriosis ovary and related lesions. Monthly Meeting on 10th May was arranged at Apollo Multispeciality Hospital, Kolkata with theme of "A Potpourri of Cases. On 5th June 25, APMWB arranged an online meeting with Prof. Radhika Srinivasan on relevance of the Pap smear in era of HPV testing. Mid-term CME on "Soft Tissue Tumour with Integrated Diagnosis: From Morphology to Molecular" was organised on 14th June at Nil Ratan Sircar Medical College & Hospital, Kolkata. 27 medical colleges successfully conducted the Institutional level UG pathology quiz

## IAPM Elections 2025

Nominations are invited for the election to the following posts of IAPM (to be elected through electronic ballot / ONLINE mode) :

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| 1. | Hon. President       | - | Tenure of one year    |
| 2. | Hon. Vice President  | - | Tenure of one year    |
| 3. | Hon. Secretary       | - | Tenure of Three Years |
| 4. | Hon. Treasurer       | - | Tenure of Three Years |
| 5. | Hon. Joint Secretary | - | Tenure of Three Years |

The duties of the above posts are provided in the Bye-Laws of the Association.

- 1 a. Every candidate for the posts of President, Vice President should have at least 10 years standing as Life Member (without interruptions) with five years of ordinary membership or total 15 years of direct life membership.
- b. He/She should have served the Association in one or more ways by being an office bearer of IAPM, Moderator/Speaker of any of the academic sessions during APCON member of Editorial board of IJPM or office bearer of any of the State Chapters of IAPM or as an Organizing Chairperson/ Secretary/Treasurer of any APCON.
- c. The nominee should have attended at least three General Body Meetings of IAPM in the five years preceding the year of nomination.
- 2 a. The nominees for the posts of Honorary Secretary, Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Joint Secretary should have at least five years standing as life membership following a period of five years of ordinary membership or 10 years of direct life membership.
- b. The nominee should have served the Association in one or more ways by being an office-bearer of IAPM, Moderator of any of the academic sessions of IAPM, participating as speaker in academic session of IAPM Annual Conference such as symposia, member of editorial board of IJPM or office bearer of any of the State chapters of IAPM or as an Organizing Chairperson/ Secretary/Treasurer of annual conference of IAPM.
- c. The nominee should have attended at least three General Body Meetings of IAPM in the five years preceding the year of nomination.

Nominations by IAPM life members can to be made on plain paper and sent duly proposed and seconded by Life Members who do not owe any membership dues. The nominated member, proposer and seconder should provide their IAPM Membership Numbers and sign the nomination form. The nominated candidate shall provide a letter of consent and a copy of his/her resume (not exceeding one A4 size page- strictly to be followed).

The application form, consent letter and broad headlines of the resume to be submitted may be downloaded from the IAPM website under download. All documents are to be submitted as email attachment ONLY via email to [secretary1iapm@gmail.com](mailto:secretary1iapm@gmail.com).

**Note: Under no circumstance the applicants should canvas for elections by any means.**

- The last date for receipt of nominations via email is 31st August 2025
- Last date for withdrawal of nominations via email is 25th September 2025.
- Online voting will be done in the month of October-November 2025, and it will be communicated to all the Life members of IAPM.
- The result would be declared during the General Body Meeting to be held during APCON 2025 at Govt. Medical College, Jammu.  
(PS: For all details kindly refer to the IAPM Byelaws 2022 (Blue Book) available on the homepage of the official IAPM website).

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## OBITUARY

### Prof. Kamlakar Purushottam Deodhar

It is with profound sorrow that we announce the peaceful passing of **Dr. Kamlakar Purushottam Deodhar**, fondly known as “KPD,” on May 01, 2025, at his residence in Prabhadevi, Mumbai. Born on February 19, 1937, Dr. Deodhar's life was one of remarkable dedication, compassion, and intellectual brilliance. His passing is deeply mourned across Maharashtra and the nation, marking the end of an era in Indian pathology. Dr. Deodhar was a pioneer in hepatic pathology and served as the President of the Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists (IAPM) and a Founder Fellow of the Indian College of Pathologists (ICP). With over 110 scientific publications and decades of service to medical education and research, he left an indelible mark on the landscape of academic pathology in India.

A proud alumnus of Seth G. S. Medical College and KEM Hospital, Mumbai, he began his career and developed a lifelong interest in liver and gastrointestinal pathology. In 1972, he was promoted to Professor and transferred to Lokmanya Tilak Municipal Medical College (LTMMC) Sion, Mumbai, where he continued his distinguished work. His groundbreaking research on orcein staining for hepatitis B virus earned international recognition, particularly through his collaboration with Dr. Peter J. Scheuer and Dr. Sheila Sherlock at the Royal Free Hospital, London, during his Commonwealth Medical Fellowship in 1973-74.

As Head of the Pathology Department at LTMMC from 1977, Dr. Deodhar revolutionized medical education. He introduced subspecialties within pathology and championed clinico-pathological correlations through autopsy-based learning, emphasizing the sacred role of the autopsy room in understanding disease. His devotion to teaching and mentorship made him beloved by students and faculty alike. Beyond academics, Dr. Deodhar was a skilled administrator and deeply humane leader. He maintained a unique blend of accessibility, discipline, and kindness, winning the affection and admiration of colleagues, students, and staff. He was loved for his wisdom, kindness, and unwavering commitment to his field. His interests were as diverse as his talents - an avid trekker, Marathi theatre actor in his youth, music enthusiast. He authored two Marathi books, "Velamb" and "Changla Maran." He also enjoyed playing bridge and was an engaging conversationalist, especially when discussing poetry and literature.

Despite his towering professional stature, Dr. Deodhar was a devoted family man. He lovingly cared for his parents and extended help to numerous relatives and friends from his hometown. Along with his beloved wife, the late Mrs. Shanta Deodhar, he instilled strong values in their sons-Dr. Kedar Deodhar, a consultant pathologist at Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai and Dr. Avinash Deodhar, a plastic surgeon in the UK, and his daughters-in-law, Dr. Jayita and Dr. Smita, and granddaughters Uma and Mukta were the pride and joy of his later years.

Dr. Deodhar lived a fulfilled, dignified life, leaving this world with the same grace and composure that defined his every action. His passing is an irreplaceable loss to the medical community, but his legacy lives on in his family, his students and the countless lives he touched. May his soul attain Sadgati.



**Dr. Dr. K. P. Deodhar**  
(19-02-1937-01-05-2025)

#### **We dedicate few lines in the honour of our beloved Deodhar Sir.**

Through halls of wisdom, bright he strode,  
A healer's touch, a teacher's guide.  
With patient hands and steadfast mind,  
He shaped the path with love and pride.  
Though time has bid his soul to rest,  
His light still shines in hearts he graced.  
In books, in minds, in lives he's blessed,  
His legacy shall not be erased.

## OBITUARY

### Dr. Suhasini R. Prabhu

At dusk on April 24, 2025, the curtain quietly fell on a remarkable life. Dr. Suhasini R. Prabhu—pathologist, professor, perfectionist, and possessor of possibly the sharpest microscope and mind in the department—passed away at the age of 89. She was a woman who dissected life with scientific precision and lived it with unassuming grace.

Born on August 6, 1936, Suhasini was not just top of her class—she was likely the reason the class had to raise its standards. From King George High School to Grant Medical College, via Saint Xavier's and halfway around the globe, she carved a career that left tissue samples and young pathologists equally transformed. Glasgow, Loma Linda, Atlanta—she added academic brilliance to every continent she touched.

Her heart, however, always beat for Mumbai. At Topiwala National Medical College and B. Y. L. Nair Hospital, she rose from "Pool Officer" (a title that sounded far less impressive than her contribution) to Head of the Pathology Department. Under her leadership, the department flourished—microscopes sparkled with new attachments, automation hummed, and quality control became more than just a checkbox. A pioneer in gastrointestinal pathology, she brought Warthin Starry stain to the spotlight (and *H. pylori* out of the shadows), publishing her findings with the finesse of a true academician. Her perfectionism could slice like a scalpel—and yet, her warmth and quiet dignity were what lingered with her students long after the lectures ended.

Outside the lab, she embraced simplicity with a smile that could light up a pathology wing. A connoisseur of cuisine and conference menus alike, she curated both with care and spice. Her lineage—daughter of the esteemed Dr. Vengasarkar and her partnership with Dr. Raghuvir Prabhu, were steady pillars in a life rich in legacy. She was admired by colleagues and adored by students. Her children, Dr. Shreela and Nikhil, and her granddaughters, carry forward her quiet brilliance and insistent gentleness. Though her physical presence has departed, her imprint remains in stained slides, scientific journals, and the indelible hearts of those she mentored. We shall miss her and may forever hear her voice reminding us, "Quality control isn't optional."



**Dr. Suhasini R. Prabhu**  
(06-08-1936–24-04-2025)

