

International Dental Oncology Conference Concludes with Significant Insights



Udaipur: The Second International Conference on Dental Oncology and Research 2025 successfully concluded at Pacific Dental College, Debari, Udaipur, under the joint aegis of the Asian Head and Neck Cancer Foundation and Pacific



Dental College.

Inaugural Session - The conference was inaugurated by former RNT Principal Dr. A. K. Gupta, Joint Secretary of the Dental Council of India Dr. Abhishek Singh, and Dr. J. S. Balia. Speaking on the occa-

sion, Dr. Gupta described the event as a revolutionary step in the field of dentistry, highlighting the critical role of dental surgeons in identifying undiagnosed oral cancer cases.

Organizing Chairman Dr. Shakti Singh Devda drew attention to the alarming reality that oral cancer is now the leading cause of cancer-related deaths in India. He cautioned that the country is on its way to becoming the "world capital of oral cancer", with nearly 30 percent of all cancer cases linked to oral cancer. Training programs for early detection are already being implemented across Asia—including Nepal, Bangladesh, the Philippines, Malaysia, and Sri Lanka—underscoring

the global scale of this health challenge.

He further emphasized that with over four lakh dentists in India, if each dentist screens even one patient daily, more than one crore screenings per month could be achieved—an initiative that could save countless lives. Organizing Secretary Dr. Mohit Pal Singh added that timely diagnosis is essential, as delayed biopsies due to fear often push patients into late stages of cancer, where survival rates drastically decline. Dr. Bhagwan Das Rai underlined that early detection enables patients to live normally, eat properly, and open their mouths freely, while Co-Chairman Dr. Himanshu Gupta stressed the vital role of dentists at grassroots lev-

els in ensuring early-stage recovery.

Academic Deliberations and Concluding Day

The two-day event brought together over 200 delegates, researchers, and dental students from across India, creating a vibrant platform for academic exchange and collaboration.

The final day featured:

- 15 research paper presentations
- 27 poster displays
- 15 elocution competitions

These sessions witnessed enthusiastic participation, with postgraduate students and young researchers showcasing their work alongside expert guidance from Dr. Rai, Dr. Gupta, and Dr. Singh.

Participants praised the excellent organization, constructive discussions, and opportunities for knowledge-sharing. Delegates agreed that ICDOR 2025 not only highlighted pioneering research but also encouraged collaborative efforts across institutions and nations.

A Memorable Milestone

With insightful deliberations, active participation, and a strong focus on early detection and prevention of oral cancer, the International Conference on Dental Oncology and Research 2025 concluded on a successful note, marking a significant academic and clinical milestone for dentistry and oncology.

- Mohsina Bano

Dr. Anees Jukkarwala of Geetanjali Hospital Honored with Rajasthan Gaurav Award 2025



On receiving the award, Dr. Anees expressed his gratitude to Shri Suresh Mishra, coordinator of Rajasthan Gaurav Award 2025, his family, the entire Neurology Department, and Geetanjali Hospital for their support and encouragement.

Udaipur: The Rajasthan Gaurav Award, instituted in 1995, recognizes individuals who have excelled in their respective fields and brought honor to society and the state. This year, the jury included a special panel of medical experts, which selected Dr. Anees Jukkarwala, Head of the Neurology Department at Geetanjali Hospital, Udaipur, for this prestigious award. The honor was presented to him by the Honorable Governor of Rajasthan, Shri Haribhau Kisanrao Bagde.

Dr. Anees was recognized for his remarkable contributions in the field of Neurology, particularly in epilepsy (seizure) management. He pioneered the establishment of epilepsy surgery in South Rajasthan at Geetanjali Hospital, a first in the region. To date, his team has successfully performed nearly 50 complex epilepsy surgeries, giving new hope and improved quality of life to countless patients suffering from epilepsy.

The Epilepsy Center at Geetanjali Hospital is now equipped with state-of-the-art facilities, offering comprehensive diagnostic and therapeutic services. In view of these achievements, the jury awarded Dr. Anees the Rajasthan Gaurav Award.

Notably, this award is typically presented to senior and highly experienced professionals. However, Dr. Anees has earned this distinction at a relatively young age, reflecting his exceptional talent, dedication, and commitment to the field.

Dr. L.S. Jhala to Represent Udaipur at International Ophthalmology Conference in Copenhagen



Udaipur: Dr. L.S. Jhala, Medical Director of Alakh Nayan Mandir, will participate in the prestigious five-day European Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgeons (ESCRS) International Conference to be held in Copenhagen, Denmark, from September 12 to 16.

Lakshmi Jhala, Director of Alakh Nayan Mandir, informed that Dr. Jhala has been invited to present a research paper highlighting the extensive work being carried out in Southern Rajasthan for blindness prevention, surgical innovations, and the latest advancements in ophthalmic research.

Dr. Jhala emphasized that the conference will bring together nearly 8,000–10,000 eye specialists from across the globe. The forum will serve as a platform to discuss cutting-edge technologies in cataract surgery, the use of advanced surgical equipment, and ongoing global research aimed at eliminating complex eye disorders.

His participation at this international stage is expected to showcase not only the efforts of Alakh Nayan Mandir but also the broader progress of India's ophthalmology sector in addressing preventable blindness.

Aryan Lekhika Manch Hosts Prize Distribution

Kota: On Teachers' Day, Aryan Lekhika Manch, under the aegis of Sanskriti Sahitya Media Forum, organized a prize distribution ceremony for children's poetry and essay competitions at Government Girls Senior Secondary School, Dadabari.



In the divisional-level poetry contest on "Childhood and Rain," winners included Vishnu Sharma 'Harihar', Jyotika Maheshwari, Aditi Saloni, Deepti Singh, Dr. Sulochana Sharma, Yogiraj Yogi, Renu Singh Radhe, and Rekha Sharma. Junior winners included Dhanya Jain, Pratibha Pal, Sajal Gautam, Aman Hussain, Ayma, Keya Solanki, and Radhika. In the essay competition on "Indian Culture and Women's Freedom," Gauri Suryavanshi, Smriti Rathore, Kalpana, and Ritu Sen were recognized.

Program Chairperson Dr. Manisha Sharma emphasized teachers' role in preserving culture, while Chief Guest Snehlata Sharma highlighted their importance in nation-building. Rekha Pancholi announced that under Mission Bal Man Tak 25, the goal is to connect 50,000 children with literature.

Women's Health Awareness Campaign by Geetanjali Hospital



Udaipur: A special awareness campaign regarding women's health and free maternity services was organized by the Mother and Child Care Department of Geetanjali Hospital, Udaipur. The campaign was conducted at Miraj Malhar, Rameshwaram Apartment, Aravali Heights, and Shubhlaxmi Apartment premises.

During the program, gynecology and obstetrics specialists Dr. Nalini Sharma, Dr. Anupama Hada, Dr. Archana Sharma, and Dr. Divya Choudhary shared important health-related information with women. The experts elaborated on the free delivery services being provided and advised women to undergo regular health checkups from time to time.

Geetanjali Hospital conveyed that such initiatives will continue in the future to create sustained awareness among women about health.

"I Too Am a Teacher" Vasudev Devnani

Education is the foundation of human life. It is not merely a path to employment but the pillar of values, morality, and social progress. A teacher, like a lamp, burns to illuminate others. When I say "I too am a teacher", it is more than a statement—it is my philosophy of life. At some point, every individual becomes a teacher by guiding or inspiring others.

The Eternal Role of Teachers

In Indian tradition, the Guru is revered as creator, preserver, and guide. Yet teaching goes beyond the classroom. A mother imparts life's first lessons, a father instills values, friends offer guidance, and experiences shape wisdom. Thus, every person carries the potential to teach.

Education and My Public Life

Before politics, I was a teacher, and education has remained central to my journey—even as Speaker of the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly. Twice as Education Minister, I introduced reforms such as including national heroes in curricula, promoting Sanskrit, and modernizing learning with smart classrooms and e-content. For me, education builds character, instills cultural pride, and prepares students for global competition.

Teachers as Nation Builders - Life is the greatest school, and experience its finest textbook. Teachers must not only impart knowledge but also nurture values and holistic growth. Prime Minister Modi's New Education Policy reflects this vision by blending Indian traditions with modern science, vocational skills, and teaching in the mother tongue.

Integrity in Education - For a nation, education is its backbone. Transparency and digital governance in admissions, recruitment, and examinations are vital to curb corruption and ensure fairness. Civil society and parents should also have roles in school governance.

A Teacher's Sensitivity - Teaching extends beyond classrooms. I recall taking students to tribal villages, where they gained empathy for poverty. At Vidya Bhawan Institute, I worked on innovations to ease rural women's labor, proving that education must address real-life needs with compassion. To say "I too am a teacher" is to embrace teaching as a lifelong duty. By sharing knowledge, values, and wisdom, every individual can enlighten lives and strengthen the nation.

Teachers' Day Celebrated with Respect and Felicitation Programs

Udaipur: Teachers' Day was marked with enthusiasm and reverence across the nation, with institutions organizing special programs to honor educators for their invaluable role in shaping society. At Pacific Polytechnic College and the Pacific Institute of Fire & Safety Management under Pacific University, the celebration began with the lighting of the lamp. Director Dr. Mukesh Shrivastava highlighted the vital role of teachers in imparting knowledge and values. Faculty members Mr. Rajeev Sharma and Mr. Amos Mark inspired students with messages on determination and guidance. Fun games and activities added joy to the event.

In New Delhi, President Droupadi Murmu conferred the National Teacher Award 2025 on 45 outstanding teachers at Vigyan Bhawan. Among them was Mrs. Neelam Yadav, Principal of Government Girls Senior Secondary School, Tapukara, Alwar, recognized for improving enrollment, results, co-curricular achievements, and modern facilities. Each awardee received ₹50,000, a medal, and a citation. Mrs. Yadav dedicated the honor to all teachers committed to quality education. At Lokmanya Tilak Teachers' Training College of Janardan Rai Nagar Rajasthan Vidyapeeth, students honored their teachers with Uppanas and mementos. Vice Chancellor Prof. S.S. Sarangdevot recalled the ideals of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, stressing the dignity of teachers and the need for student-centric education. Chancellor Bhanwar Lal Gurjar urged student-teachers to guide society with dedication. Meanwhile, Subhash Shakra organized the Guru Vandana – Student Felicitation Program in three Sundarwas schools of Udaipur. At Vardhman Public School, 350 students honored teachers with upanas, tilak, and fruits, while four meritorious students were felicitated. At Sophia Senior Secondary School, cultural performances expressed gratitude, with four students honored and dignitaries sharing blessings. At Mahatma Gandhi English Medium School, four outstanding students were recognized in the presence of teachers and principals. Secretary Shobha Lal Dashora expressed gratitude and acknowledged the presence of senior educationists Dr. Nagendra Prasad Sharma and Dr. P.C. Jain, the spirit of gratitude, inspiration, and respect for teachers was central, reaffirming their role as true nation builders and lifelong guides.

Chiropractic Therapy: Unani Wisdom Today



Chiropractic therapy, or "Chiro Practice," is a hands-on treatment performed by trained specialists called chiropractors, aimed at improving joint function, spinal mobility, and overall body movement. Historically, in villages, such practitioners were known as "Had Hakeem" or "Had Pehlwan," treating sprains and bone misalignments—a tradition rooted in Unani medicine. Chiropractic treatment includes spinal manipulation, prescribed exercises, nutritional guidance, herbal medicines, and additional therapies like heat, ice, or relaxation techniques. During therapy, controlled force is applied to joints, often producing an audible "pop," which is normal. Minor side effects such as soreness, stiffness, or headache may occur temporarily. The therapy is particularly effective for lower back pain, neck pain, headaches, and certain spinal conditions. Patients unresponsive after several weeks may explore alternative treatments. By combining traditional Unani wisdom with modern scientific methods, chiropractic therapy continues to offer a safe, natural, and effective approach for musculoskeletal health, enhancing mobility, relieving pain, and improving quality of life.

- Dr. Liaqat Ali Mansuri

Vibrant Gujarat Navratri Festival Udaipur

Udaipur: Udaipur will host Gujarat's iconic folk dance Garba, recognized by UNESCO as Intangible Cultural Heritage, through the Vibrant Gujarat Pre-Navratri Festival 2025. Organized by Gujarat Tourism, the grand event will take place on 14 September at Field Club with free entry. Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Rajasthan Deputy CM Diya Kumari, and Gujarat Tourism Minister Mulubhai Bera will attend. Garba workshops (8–13 Sept) at JDCA Dance Hub will be free for participants. Highlights include live Garba by Parthiv Gohil, folk performances, and competitions with prizes.

DPS Udaipur Shines in Judo



Udaipur: Delhi Public School, Udaipur delivered a stellar performance in the 69th District Level Judo Championship, winning 4 gold and 1 bronze medal. In the boys' under-14 category, Harvik, Rhythm, and Priyanshu Dangri secured gold in 30 kg, 45 kg, and 50 kg classes respectively, while Kamakshi Devand clinched gold in the 44 kg girls' category. Principal Sanjay Narwariya praised the team, with winners now advancing to state-level contests.

63 Students Placed by Micron Technology

Udaipur: In a pool campus drive at Geetanjali Institute of Technical Studies



(GITS), Micron Technology selected 63 students—33 B.Tech and 30 Diploma—from GITS and other colleges across India for positions as Graduate Engineer Trainee (G.E.T.) and Manufacturing Associate. Over 350 candidates participated, undergoing written tests, technical interviews, and HR rounds.

Dr. S.M. Prasannakumar, Director of GITS, highlighted India's growing role in semiconductor manufacturing, while Dr. Arvind Singh Pemawat, Head of Training and Placement, detailed the selection process. Financial Controller B.L. Jangid congratulated the students, wishing them success in their careers at this globally renowned semiconductor company.

Two-Day Temporal Bone Dissection Workshop Begins at PMCH Udaipur



Udaipur: A two-day Second Temporal Bone Dissection Workshop commenced today at Pacific Medical College and Hospital (PMCH), Udaipur, organized by the Department of Ear, Nose, and Throat (ENT). The workshop will continue until September 7.

The inauguration was graced by Dr.

Vinay Vijayendra, Bengaluru, Dr. A.K. Gupta, Senior ENT Specialist, Dr. M.M. Mangal, President of Pacific Medical University, Dr. U.S. Parihar, Principal of PMCH, Dr. Richa Gupta, Head of ENT Department and Workshop Chairperson, along with Dr. S.S. Kaushik, Organizing Secretary and Course Director. The event began with the traditional lamp-lighting before Goddess Saraswati.

A Significant Step in Medical Education Addressing the gathering, Dr. M.M. Mangal, President of PMU, stated that the workshop is a vital initiative in the field of medical education. It not only benefits ENT specialists but also inspires young medical professionals.

Chairperson Dr. Richa Gupta highlighted that the workshop is designed to train ENT surgeons in the anatomy of the temporal bone, various surgical procedures such as mastoidectomy, facial nerve decompression, and implant surgeries.

Organizing Secretary Dr. S.S. Kaushik emphasized that the purpose of the workshop is to provide ENT practitioners, trainees, and students with exposure to the latest dissection techniques and a deeper understanding of surgical anatomy. Participants are being offered hands-on training to enhance their surgical expertise.

Practical Training and Technical Insights - The workshop combines theoretical insights with practical training sessions, giving participants exposure to modern ENT surgical techniques. The sessions are being led by Course Directors Dr. Vinay Vijayendra and Dr. S.S. Kaushik, with Dr. Mahesh V.K. and Dr. Shweta Anand serving as Co-Secretaries.