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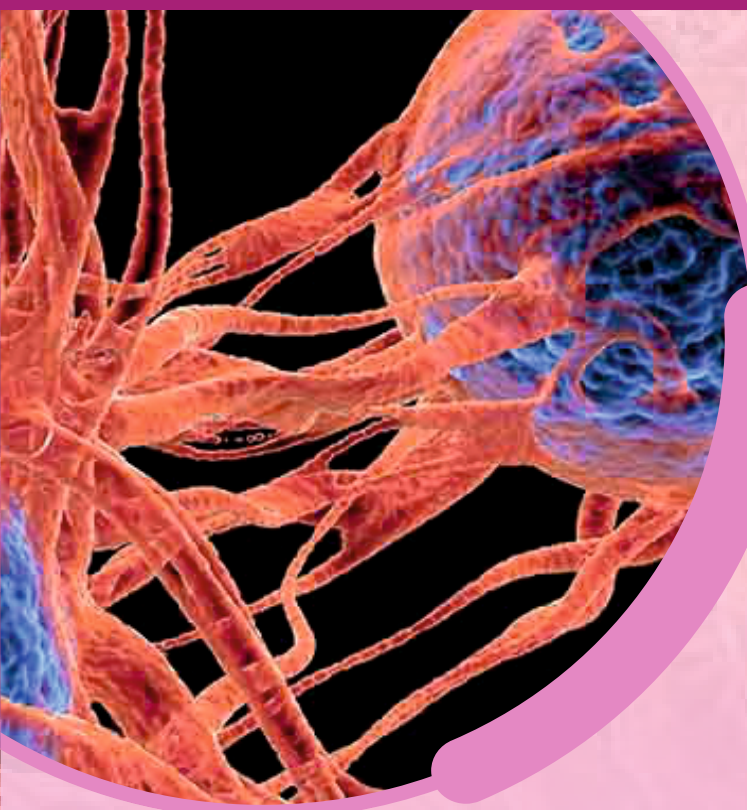
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45th

Annual Meeting of the
Indian Association for Cancer Research (IACR)
and **International Conference**

ON



ADVANCEMENTS — IN — CANCER RESEARCH

**DISCOVERIES,
THERAPEUTICS
AND CHALLENGES**

10th - 13th April 2026

Convocation Complex, University of Kashmir

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

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Programme Schedule

APRIL 10: DAY 1

TIME	SESSION	
08:00 a.m onwards	Registration and Meet & Greet	Delegate check-in
09:45 - 10:45 a.m	INAUGURAL CEREMONY * Welcome address * IACR: goals and achievements * Remarks by the Registrar, University of Kashmir * Remarks by the Dean Research, University of Kashmir * Remarks by the Dean Academics, University of Kashmir * Remarks by the Guest of Honour * Special remarks by the Chief Guest * Concluding remarks and vote of thanks	* Prof Shajrul Amin, HoD Biochemistry, and Convenor * Prof. Subrata Sinha, President IACR * Prof. Naseer Iqbal * Prof. M. Sultan Bhat * Prof. S. Pirzada * Prof. M. Ashraf Ganie, Director SKIMS * Prof. Nilofer Khan, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, University of Kashmir * Dr. Shaida Andrabi, Organizing Secretary
10:45 - 11:15 a.m	— TEA BREAK —	

SESSION 1

Cell Cycle Regulation, Genomic (in)stability and Cancer
Session Chairs: Prof. Arnab Pal and Dr. Dipak Datta

TIME	TITLE OF THE TALK	SPEAKER
11:15 - 01:00 p.m	The Making of a Renegade: Coordinating DNA Damage Response and Apoptotic Evasion in Breast Cancer Origins	Dr. Mayurika Lahiri IISER Pune
	Material Property of Spindle Poles Determines the 3-Dimensional Nuclear Architecture	Dr. Sachin Kotak IISc, Bangalore
	PLENARY LECTURE: Do Nucleosomes Hold the Key to Genomic Stability?	Jonathan Pines ICR, UK
01:00 - 02:30 p.m	— LUNCH BREAK —	

SESSION 2

Mechanism of Resistance Against Anti-Cancer Drugs
Session Chairs: Prof. Khurshid Andrabi and Prof. G.P. Talwar

02:30 - 04:30 p.m	Decoding the Cancer-Associated Fibroblasts Role in Cancer Progression and Drug Resistance	Dr. Sharath Chandra ACTREC, Mumbai
	R-Loop Homeostasis as a Selective Vulnerability in Cancer Stem Cells	Dr. Shiva Bamezai Institute of Experimental Cancer Research, Ulm, Germany
	Genomic Drivers of Endocrine Therapy Resistance in Breast Cancer	Prof. Amit Dutt South Campus, University of Delhi
	Cholesterol Metabolic Reprogramming and Pi3K/Akt/mTOR Hyperactivation are Predictive of Carboplatin Resistance In High-Grade Serous Ovarian Carcinoma	Dr. Sutapa Mukherjee CNCI, Kolkata
04:30 - 04:45 p.m	— TEA BREAK —	

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4:30 - 4:45 p.m	— TEA BREAK —	
SESSION 3	Modern Trends in Cancer Diagnosis and Treatment; Gut Microbiome and Cancer Connection Session Chairs: Prof. Maqsood Siddiqi and Prof. Asad U Khan	
TIME	TITLE OF THE TALK	SPEAKER
04:45 - 07:00 p.m	Cancer Immunotherapy and Gut Microbiome: Is there a Relationship?	Prof. Sameer Bakhshi AIIMS, New Delhi
	Robotics in Oncology: Redefining Precision in Cancer Surgery	Dr. Syed Asim Rizvi Apollo Hospital, New Delhi
	Gut Microbiome and Cancer	Prof. Sharmila Mande Ayush Distinguished Scientist, Chair, Ministry of Ayush
	Discovery of Novel Therapeutic Agents Using Structure Based Drug Design	Dr. M. Jamal Dar IIIM, Jammu
07:00 - 08:00 p.m	IACR Executive Body Meeting (Convocation Complex)	
08:00 - 09:30 p.m	— DINNER —	

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APRIL 11: DAY 2

TIME	TITLE OF THE TALK	SPEAKER
SESSION 4 Immunotherapy - Achievements and Future Directions Session Chairs: Prof. M. Ayub Qadri and Prof. Kaushik Biswas		
09:00 - 11:15 a.m	Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors in Hodgkins Lymphoma: Transforming the Therapeutic Landscape	Dr. Mir Mohmad Hussain SKIMS, Srinagar
	25-year Journey in Stem cell Transplantation for Myeloma	Prof. Lalit Kumar Artemis Hospital, Gurgaon
	KEYNOTE LECTURE: What is T Cell Exhaustion?	Prof. Rafi Ahmed Emory University, USA
	Emerging Role of Venetoclax in Management of Acute Myeloid Leukemia	Prof. Gaurav Prakash PGIMER, Chandigarh
11:15 - 11:30 a.m	— TEA BREAK —	
SESSION 5 DNA Repair, Chromatin Remodelling and Cancer Session Chairs: Prof. Rais A Qadri and Prof. Bashir A Ganai		
11:30 - 01:30 p.m	Targeting Nonhomologous End Joining: Potentiating CancerTherapy through DNA Repair Disruption	Prof. Sathees Raghavan IISc Bangalore
	Chromatin Remodeling Regulates Repair Pathway Choices at the Stalled Replication Forks	Dr. Arvind Panday Mayo Clinic USA
	Unveiling GBM's Survival Blueprint: From Senescence Escape to DNA Repair Modulation	Prof. Shilpee Dutt SLS, JNU, New Delhi
	Chemoresistance of Cancer Stem Cells: Is Chemosensitization an Ideal Approach for Reversing Therapy Resistance?	Dr. Hifzur Rahman Siddique A.M.U Aligarh
01:30 - 02:30 p.m	— LUNCH BREAK —	
SESSION 6 Signal Transduction Pathways in cancer Session Chairs: Prof. M. Afzal Zargar and Prof. Shilpee Dutt		
02:30 - 04:30 p.m	Micronutrient Gene Interactions in Health And Disease	Dr. Arnab Mukhopadhaya NII, New Delhi
	Releasing the Brake on RhoA: Phosphorylation-Dependent Sequestration of Rho GDI α by 14-3-3 ϵ Promotes Cancer Cell Migration	Prof. Nazir A Dar Deptt. of Biochemistry Univ. of Kashmir

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TIME	TITLE OF THE TALK	SPEAKER
02:30 - 04:30 p.m	GPER-1 (G Protein-Coupled Estrogen Receptor-1) Activation: A Potential Strategy for Chemoprevention of Prostate Cancer	Prof. Geetanjali Sachdeva NIRRH, Mumbai
	Breast Cancer Cells Exploit Unexplored Dysregulated Metabolic Regulators to Augment Cell Plasticity for Favouring their Progress	Prof. Chandi C Mandal Central University of Rajasthan
04:30 - 04:45 p.m	— TEA BREAK —	
SESSION 7 Session Chairs: Prof. Farooq A Masoodi and Dr. Shaida Andrabi		
04:45 - 06:45 p.m	Oral Talks by Students (Alphabetical Order) - (12x10 min. each) Aijaz Ahmad Rather, Akshay Subodh Paradkar, Bushra K. Khan, Geeta S Boora, Muqtada Ali Khan, Omkar Dhurat, Samya Dey, Sanchari Chatterjee, Shivani Bansal, Smriti Suri, Sommya Sinha and Suhail Ahmad	
06:45 - 08:30 p.m	Poster Session - 1 (Convocation Complex)	
08:30 - 10:00 p.m	— GALA DINNER —	

END OF THE DAY



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APRIL 12: DAY 3

TIME	SESSION	SPEAKER
SESSION 8 Special Lectures: From Basic Discoveries to Translational Research Session Chairs: Prof. Subrata Sinha and Prof. Firdous A Khanday		
09:30 - 10:10 a.m	IACR ORATION LECTURE: A Personal Journey How Discovery Science Can Co-exist With Translational Biology	Dr. Sagar Sengupta NIBMG, Kalyani, West Bengal
10:10 - 10:45 a.m	Novel CAR-T Cell Approaches to Overcome Immune Escape in Solid Tumors	Prof. Rizwan Roome Dana Farber Cancer Institute Harvard University, USA
10:45 - 11:00 a.m	— TEA BREAK —	
SESSION 9 Post-translational Modifications and their role in Cancer Session Chairs: Prof. Shariq Masoodi and Prof. Zafar A Reshi		
11:00 - 01:15 p.m	Beyond Catalysis: Non-Canonical Functions of Phosphatases	Dr. M. S. Reddy CDFD, Hyderabad
	When and Where Proteins Are Destroyed: Mechanisms of Spatiotemporal Control of Membrane Proteostasis and Disease	Dr. Shafi Kuchay Univ. of Illinois, Chicago, USA
	Beyond p53 Degradation: Mdm2 Regulates Cell Cycle	Dr. M. Ashraf Dar University of Kashmir
	From Genome Protection to Cancer Treatment: The Impact of Dynamic Ubiquitin Signaling	Dr. Manas Santra NCCS, Pune
01:15 - 02:00 p.m	— LUNCH BREAK —	
SESSION 10 Oncoprecision, Drug Design and Development Session Chairs: Prof. Nazir A Dar and Dr. Dona Sinha		
02:00 - 03:30 p.m	Mechanics and Microfluidics: Advancing Cancer Research through New Approach Methodologies (NAMs)	Prof. Abhijit Majumder IIT Bombay
	OncoPredikt - An AI Platform: Revolutionizing Cancer Care Economics through Predictive Precision and Cost-Effective Solutions	Dr. Gowhar Shafi Co-Founder & Chief Medical Informatics Officer, 1Cell.AI
	Peripheral T-Cell Lymphoma: Genomic Classification, Diagnostic Refinement And Disease Pathobiology	Prof. Javaid Iqbal University of Nebraska, USA
03:30 - 03:45 p.m	— TEA BREAK —	

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SESSION 11

Short Talks (Junior and Mid-level Faculty/ Post-Docs)

Session Chairs: Prof. Alok C Bharti and Prof. Khalid M Fazili

03:45 - 04:15 p.m

Dr. Virendra Balkrishna Kamat Award | Shri Ramnath Hiralal Jaju Award (2x15 min. each)
Dr. Anshika Chauhan and Dr. Nazia Chaudhary

04:15 - 06:30 p.m

Two Parallel Sessions (12 min. each)

Session Chairs: Prof. Mahboob UI Hussain, Dr Syed Mir,
Prof. Balasubramanian and Dr. Tanveer A Dar

06:30 - 08:00 p.m

Poster Session - 2
(Convocation Complex)

08:00 - 08:30 p.m

IACR General Body Meeting
(Convocation Complex)

08:30 - 10:00 p.m

— GALA DINNER —

END OF THE DAY



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APRIL 13: DAY 4

TIME	SESSION	SPEAKER
SESSION 12 Advancements in Cancer Research and Clinical Aspects Session Chairs: Prof. Shad Saleem and Dr. Sheikh Zahoor Ahmed		
09:00 - 11:00 a.m	R2TP-Bridging Peptides:- A Novel Therapeutic Strategy To Restore Tumor Suppressor Networks In Cervical Cancer	Dr. Riyaz Ahmed Mir AIIMS - New Delhi
	Magnetic Nanobots For Cancer Imaging	Prof. Ambarish Ghosh IISc , Bangalore
	Surgical Modalities of Rectal Cancer	Prof. Fazl Q Parray Deptt. of Surgery, SKIMS
	Development of an Immunotoxin that kills World-wide available Drugs Resistant Cancers Expressing Ectopically hCG	Prof. G.P Talwar Talwar Research Foundation New Delhi
11:00 - 11:30 a.m	— TEA SESSION —	
11:30 - 01:00 p.m	Valedictory Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Remarks by the the Secretary, IACR * Remarks by the Dean Biological Sciences, University of Kashmir * Felicitation of the Distinguished Guests * Closing remarks and vote of thanks Distribution of Certificates Announcement of oral and poster awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Prof. Arnab Pal, Secretary, IACR * Prof. Fayaz Ahmad * Prof. Nazir Ahmad Dar, University of Kashmir
01:00 - 02:30 p.m	— LUNCH —	
02:30 - 05:00 p.m	— CONFERENCE TOUR —	

END OF THE CONFERENCE

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