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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear AIPNA Family,

In this issue, I would like to begin with my humble tribute to a truly inspirational mentor and teacher, Dr. Anita Borges. We first crossed paths in 1983, when I joined Tata Memorial Hospital (TMH) as a Pathology resident and Dr. Borges was an attending, having just returned from Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. I learned an immense amount from her, but most importantly, she taught me how to be a truly insightful surgical pathologist. I vividly remember, as a resident in Pathology in Mumbai, being absolutely blown away by the clarity and depth of both Dr. Chitale and Dr. Borges's presentations and discussions at local conferences. She continually implored us not to stick solely to textbooks, but to diligently read journals for the latest, most current information on all Pathology topics. She was a fantastic role model for dedication and intellectual rigor, and I was deeply motivated to pursue a residency in the U.S. partly because of her example.

Beyond her clinical excellence, Dr. Borges was an unparalleled champion for education. As Dean of the Indian College of Pathologists (ICP), she faithfully attended AIPNA-ICP meetings. I last saw her in Belagavi at our AIPNA International Continuing Medical Education (INT CME) in February 2025. Her talk on Oncohistones during that conference was astounding and its brilliance still resonates with me and many others. She mentioned in passing that she had been an integral part of the Annual National CME in Pathology at Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College (JNMC), Belagavi (Belgaum), for 40 consecutive years. This commitment is truly no small feat. Her dedication to postgraduate teaching was unmatched, and what a phenomenal teacher she was! Even during the challenging COVID period, she started hosting regular webinars for postgraduates that remain incredibly popular today, showcasing her adaptability and enduring commitment to learning.

I am personally grateful that through the AIPNA INT CMEs, we in North America continued to learn from her wisdom, despite being continents apart. She passionately implored those of us practicing abroad to become involved with the Indian pathology community. To honor her vision, I am happy to state that Dr. Darshana Jhala and I, along with the CAP President, Dr. Jhai, will be attending the IAPM annual meeting in Jammu in December 2025. Dr. Borges strongly encouraged U.S. graduates to present posters and papers at these national Indian meetings and to actively participate in the webinars for postgraduates in India, fostering true global collaboration.

Pranam to a beloved Teacher, a dedicated mentor, and a profound figure in pathology.

Sincerely,

Megha Joshi, MD

President, AIPNA

A MEMORIAL TRIBUTE TO DR. ANITA BORGES: THE LUMINARY OF PATHOLOGY

It is with profound sorrow that the Borges at the age of 78 - a towering and diagnostic genius illuminated the demise marks not merely the loss of mentor whose influence shaped leaves behind a legacy defined by unparalleled commitment to



medical community mourns the passing of Dr. Anita figure in the field of pathology whose dedication most complex corners of human disease. Her recent an eminent clinician-scientist, but the silencing of a generations of medical professionals. Dr. Borges intellectual rigor, unwavering compassion, and an advancing the discipline of surgical pathology.



Dr. Borges and Dr. Bakul Dalal at an AIPNA meeting



Dr. Borges with Dr. Megha Joshi and Dr. Dhanpat Jain, Belagavi, Feb 2025

"A GREAT LOSS FOR PATHOLOGY PRACTICE IN INDIA AND PATHOLOGY EDUCATION FOR ALL.

DOUBTLESS A SHOCKING EVENT FOR HER FAMILY AND CLOSE COLLEAGUES AND FRIENDS. BUT WHEN GRIEVING HEARTS RECOVER, MAY WE NOT THINK THAT IT WAS A FITTING END TO THIS MASTER TEACHER, WHO TAUGHT TILL THE END?

हतो वा प्राप्स्यसि स्वर्गं जित्वा वा भोक्ष्यसे महीम्! 🙏 "

DR. ANAND LAGOO

Dr. Borges carved out an indispensable niche in Indian medicine, primarily through her pioneering work in oncopathology. Her journey of excellence began with her degrees from Topiwala National Medical College, followed by specialized global training, including a fellowship at the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Centre in New York and training in London during the 1970s and 80s. She chose to return to India, dedicating herself to strengthening the

country's cancer care ecosystem. She went on to hold vital positions, including Professor and Head of Surgical

Pathology at Tata Memorial Hospital (TMH) in 2004, and later served as Director of the SRL-D Centre of Excellence in Histopathology. For her, medicine was defined by "precision, ethics and the joy of discovery."



Dr Borges in AIPNA CME at Allahabad, Feb 2011, along with Dr. Bakul Dalal

Her contributions to oncopathology lay in establishing rigorous, standardized protocols for grading and staging tumors, which significantly improved prognostic accuracy for patients dealing with various malignancies. Specifically, her expert analysis of complex, rare tumors—particularly those affecting the head & neck system—became the regional benchmark. She approached every specimen not as an object, but as a silent plea for accuracy, ensuring the patient received the truest chance at recovery.

"HUGE LOSS! BRILLIANT PATHOLOGIST, WAY AHEAD OF TIMES—HER ACADEMIC PRESENCE WAS SO ENORMOUS, FEARED, LOVED AND RESPECTED ALL AT THE SAME TIME. WE WOULD JUST BE GAPING AT HER IN AWE AS PGY1 RESIDENTS... HAVING DONE MY RESIDENCY AND FELLOWSHIP FROM TATA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL MYSELF, I LEARNT SO MANY THINGS OVER THE SCOPE FROM HER—MANY OF THE SUBTLE THINGS—LIKE HER OVER THE SCOPE DISCUSSION ON GRANULATION TISSUE WAS SO PROFOUNDLY EDUCATIONAL THAT I STILL REMEMBER IT. SHE WAS A FORCE!"

DR. VIJAYALAKSHMI "VIJU" ANANTHANARAYANAN

the pandemic. Those who were fortunate enough to train under her guidance carry forward her exacting standards, ensuring that her methodological brilliance continues to permeate diagnostic services across the country and the globe. Her deep commitment to

Beyond the laboratory, Dr. Borges was a passionate and demanding educator. She understood that a scientific legacy is measured not just by personal discovery, but by the intellectual firepower one trains. Her mentorship was a crucible of excellence; she instilled in her students and junior colleagues not just the technical skills of the trade, but a profound ethical responsibility. She famously urged her students to "Listen to the cells," viewing pathology as a "living dialogue" that demanded humility and honesty. This teaching philosophy reached far and wide, through her involvement in the TMH Travelling School of Oncopathology, a crucial program designed to take diagnostic expertise to smaller centers across India, and even through online training programs conducted during

"OM SHANTI. IT'S A BIG LOSS FOR THE PATHOLOGY COMMUNITY. WHAT A WONDERFUL PATHOLOGIST, MENTOR, KIND AND DYNAMIC HUMAN BEING. SHE WILL BE MISSED BUT WILL BE REMEMBERED WITH AN HONOR AND HER CONTRIBUTIONS WILL BE CHERISHED."

DR. DASHANA JHALA



Dr. Borges during the 2016 AIPNA CME

inspiration. While the world of medicine is dimmer without her physical presence, the light of her contributions—her papers, her teaching, and the robust diagnostic infrastructure she helped build—will continue to guide us. We honor her life by striving to meet the impossible bar of excellence



mentorship and cross-cultural knowledge exchange was highlighted by her active and presence in AIPNA ICP meetings, where she served as a vital bridge between diagnostic practices across continents. She was instrumental in establishing and defining modern standards for pathology practice in India.

The lasting impact of Dr. Anita Borges is found in the countless lives she touched, both directly and indirectly. For her patients, she was the silent hand ensuring the correct diagnosis; for her colleagues, she was the gold standard of scientific integrity; and for her students, she was a tireless source of knowledge and

“DESPITE A STERN EXTERIOR, DR BORGES WAS ONE OF THE GENTLEST SOUL AND A GREAT TEACHER. I FONDLY REMEMBER A SMALL GROUP MEETING WE ASSEMBLED IN DELHI OVER CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING IN INDIA - DR GITA JAYARAM, DR ANITA BORGES AND DR SANKARANARAYAN FROM IARC. INCREDIBLE LEADER AND A PASSIONATE PATHOLOGIST. DR BORGES WILL BE MISSED.”

DR. RAJAN DEWAR

she set, remembering the extraordinary dedication she brought to the science of life under the microscope.

Her academic presence was a unique force—a blend of brilliance, authority, and deep humility. Dr. Borges was known for her clarity of thought and her commitment to ethical practice. She firmly believed in resolving "imaginary diseases" and challenged questionable medical opinions, always insisting on a thorough, unbiased look at the evidence. Crucially, she refused to indulge in "excess or vanity" and was famous for never refusing to consult on a case. She took on the toughest, most challenging slides,

“DR ANITA BORGES WAS A FORCE OF NATURE. BRILLIANT, BOLD, PASSIONATE, HUMANE AND UTTERLY ORIGINAL—BOTH AS A PATHOLOGIST AND A RESEARCHER. I STILL REMEMBER HER FIERCE WIT IN THE FROZEN SECTION ROOM FOR UNNECESSARY FROZEN REQUESTS: “I EAT SURGEONS FOR BREAKFAST!”.

SHE GRACIOUSLY ATTENDED MY WEDDING IN PUNE DESPITE HER BUSY SCHEDULE AFTER TRANSITIONING TO PRIVATE PRACTICE—AND IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY, GIFTED US THREE TICKETS TO A ONE-DAY CRICKET MATCH. THAT GESTURE, LIKE SO MUCH OF HER PRESENCE, WAS UNFORGETTABLE.

I OFTEN USE THE TERM “EXTINCT DINOSAURS” FOR A RARE FEW PATHOLOGISTS WHO WERE/ARE TRULY ONE OF A KIND. DR BORGES WAS THE FIRST ON THAT LIST. THERE WILL NEVER BE ANOTHER LIKE HER.

RIP, DR BORGES. YOU WERE LEGENDARY.”

DR. PRASHANT BAVI



AIPNA Members, Dr. Kamaljeet Singh and Dr. Vikas Mehta with Dr. Borges

often mentoring young oncologists and pathologists during weekly web consultations, demonstrating the correct pathway to diagnosis. This ethos of relentless service and intellectual honesty is the cornerstone of the institutional standards she helped build across the country.

The legacy of Dr. Borges is permanently etched into the framework of modern Indian pathology. She was a global ambassador for her field, using her international experience not just to learn, but to elevate the standards back home. Her work with the TMH Travelling School of Oncopathology and her active role in ICP (Indian college of pathologists) ensured that cutting-edge diagnostic skills and knowledge were constantly

disseminated to medical professionals nationwide. Her dedication created a ripple effect, training a new cohort of pathologists who operate with the same high ethical standards and intellectual curiosity she championed. Her colleague, Dr. Ram Datar, beautifully encapsulated her impact, noting that she gave Indian medicine not only world-class oncopathology but also "a living example of how science, when pursued with honesty and humility, can change lives."

For over 40 years, she committed herself to teaching postgraduates in JNMC, Belagavi, India, showcasing an unwavering long-term dedication to foundational medical education.



Celebrating 25 years of international CMEs with the Indian college of pathologists, Ahmedabad, 2020

lives. Her rigorous approach extended nationally as well; she was a valued member of the board of the National Accreditation Board for Testing & Calibrating Laboratories (NABL), working to elevate the quality and credibility of diagnostic services across the country.

Dr. Borges was awarded with a lifetime achievement award at the 25th anniversary of AIPNA-ICP gala celebration.



“HUGE LOSS TO BOTH PATHOLOGY AND MEDICAL COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE. SHE WAS A TOWERING PERSONALITY. ONE AND ONLY DR. BORGES! WE WILL MISS HER WISDOM BUT WILL ALSO ALWAYS INSPIRE FROM HER BODY OF WORKS. RIP 🙏🙏.”

DR. RAJAL B SHAH

“I REMEMBER SOMEONE DESCRIBING HER AS “TENDULKAR OF PATHOLOGY”! INCREDIBLE LOSS TO THE COMMUNITY! OM SHANTI 🙏.”

DR. RAGHAVENDRA PILLAPPA

Dr. Borges with Dr. Darshana Jhala, Belagavi, Feb 2025



*AIPNA-ICP CME in Navi Mumbai, DY Patil college, 2018.
Dr. Borges with Dr. Sanjay Pai.*

Rest in peace, Dr. Borges. Your work endures.

“DEEPLY SADDENED TO SHARE THE PASSING OF DR. ANITA BORGES, A TRUE LEGEND IN PATHOLOGY.

SHE WAS A PIONEER WHO SHAPED THE LANDSCAPE OF OUR FIELD IN INDIA, MAKING LASTING CONTRIBUTIONS ACROSS MANY DOMAINS AND INSPIRING GENERATIONS OF PATHOLOGISTS WITH HER VISION, SCHOLARSHIP, AND LEADERSHIP.

HER LOSS WILL BE FELT PROFOUNDLY, BUT HER LEGACY WILL CONTINUE TO GUIDE AND UPLIFT THE DISCIPLINE SHE SO PASSIONATELY SERVED.

HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO HER FAMILY, COLLEAGUES, STUDENTS, AND THE ENTIRE PATHOLOGY COMMUNITY. MAY HER SOUL REST IN PEACE!!”

DR. RIFAT MANNAN, PATHCAST

“THREE INTERACTIONS ALL OF WHICH REINFORCED HER BRILLIANCE AS A TEACHER, EDUCATOR AND PATHOLOGIST. AS A RESIDENT IN INDIA HAD BROUGHT A CHALLENGING BONE/ SOFT TISSUE TUMOR CASE AND IT TOOK HER A COUPLE OF MINUTES TO OPINE (CORRECTLY), THEN AT MY VERY FIRST AIPNA CME, WHERE AFTER MY TALK ON OVARIAN TUMORS, SHE STOOD UP AND POINTED TO THE CLINICAL (GYN ONC) DISPARITIES BETWEEN INDIA AND THE WEST (THIS WAS OVER 20 YEARS AGO) AND MORE RECENTLY ON A CAR RIDE, VERY OPEN AND CRITICAL ON HOW A CME COULD BE BETTER. SHE WILL BE MISSED ON SO MANY FRONTS BY AN ENTIRE COMMUNITY OF PATHOLOGISTS. MY COLLEAGUE FROM LEBANON SAID HOW HIS LINKEDIN WAS GOING NUTS WITH POSTS FROM VARIOUS SOCIETIES, SADDENED AT THE LOSS.

SO CLEARLY A STALWART WHO STRADDLED THE DESI SCENE AND BEYOND.

DR. SRINIVAS MANDAVILLI

"DR. BORGES HAS INSPIRED SO MANY OF US, NOT ONLY HER STUDENTS, DOCTORS AND NOT ONLY PATHOLOGISTS BUT ALSO OTHERS IN THE MEDICAL COMMUNITY, PATIENTS, AND THEIR FAMILIES. SHE WAS WAY AHEAD OF TIMES AND THE MOST UPDATED ON EVERY SINGLE TOPIC. SHE WAS A BANK OF KNOWLEDGE! I AM FORTUNATE TO HAVE TRAINED WITH HER AT TATA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL IN MY MOST FORMATIVE YEARS IN PATHOLOGY. SOME OF US IN THIS GROUP WERE THE LAST BATCH OF PATHOLOGY RESIDENTS TO TRAIN WITH HER BEFORE SHE LEFT TATA. AND A LOT OF US, HER STUDENTS, ARE SPREAD ALL OVER THE WORLD. MY FRIEND APARNA MAHAJAN AND I ARE PLANNING TO HOST A VIRTUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE TO HONOR HER LEGACY, TO SHARE OUR MEMORIES, AND CELEBRATE HER ILLUSTRIOUS LIFE.!"

DR. SANICA BHELE

"SUCH A GREAT LOSS FOR THE PATHOLOGY COMMUNITY. SHE WAS TRULY INSPIRING AND HAD SUCH DYNAMIC TEACHING SKILLS. HER VOICE STILL RESONATES IN MY MIND WHEN I THINK ABOUT HER. PRAYERS FOR HER SOUL."



DR. REENAL PATEL

"HAVE ALWAYS BEEN INSPIRED BY HER EVER SINCE I AM ASSOCIATED WITH PATHOLOGY. SHE WAS AN AMAZING PATHOLOGIST, WITH A WONDERFUL PERSONALITY, AND WAS VERY APPROACHABLE.



SUCH A TRAGIC MOMENT . I'M PRAYING FOR HER JOURNEY AHEAD. OM ॐ SHANTI

DR. CHARU SHASTRI

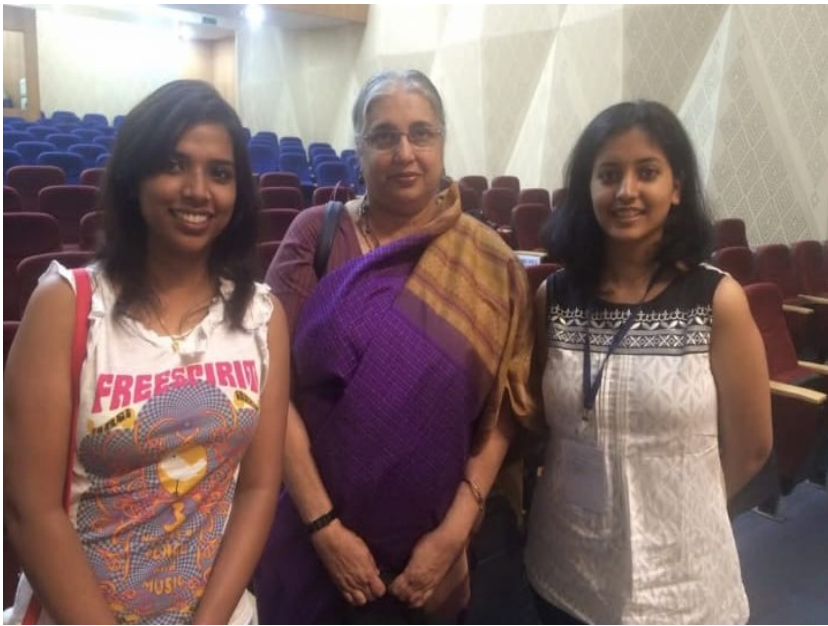
"I HAD A PLEASURE OF LISTENING TO HER DURING LYMPHOMA ROUNDS IN TATA, THE WAY SHE SAW THE SLIDE WAS UNIQUE, I NEVER KNEW SUBTLE DIFFERENCES IN LYMPH NODE CYTOLOGY, I ALWAYS MET AND TOLD HER "I WANT TO BE LIKE YOU, AND SHE WOULD SMILE AND SAY "YOUNG LADY FIRST LEARN TO TIE THE SAREE THE WAY I DO"   AMAZING MENTOR AND TRULY QUEEN OF HISTOPATHOLOGY."

DR. DILSHAD DHALIWAL

"DEEPLY SADDENED BY THE PASSING OF DR. ANITA BORGES MA'AM. HER KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL WERE TRULY BOUNDLESS, AND SHE WILL ALWAYS REMAIN A BIG SOURCE OF INSPIRATION TO ME. I WILL FOREVER CHERISH THE LESSONS SHE IMPARTED DURING MY TRAINING AND THE EXAMPLE SHE SET THROUGH HER DEDICATION.

KEEPING HER IN MY PRAYERS AND WISHING PEACE ON HER ONWARD JOURNEY."

DR. RITIKA BHAT



Dr Borges with Dr Ankita Asthana and Dr Sumitha B at Belagavi, 2015

"I WAS HONOURED TO HAVE MET HER IN 2015. SHE WAS TRULY A STALWART WHO KEPT REMINDING US THAT WE WERE 'CLINICIANS FIRST!'

I WAS DIRECTED TOWARDS TAKING UP PATHOLOGY BY A SURGEON WHO CITED HER EXAMPLE AND INSPIRED ME TO FOLLOW HER SUIT SINCE SHE HAS THE LAST WORD FOR ALL SURGEONS' SPECIMENS! IT IS INDEED A BIG LOSS TO THE INDIAN PATHOLOGY EDUCATION.

REST IN PEACE MA'AM - YOU WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED 🙏"

DR. ANKITA ASTHANA



"I hope you enjoyed this as much as I did." – Dr. Nirag Jhala



Dr. Borges with Dr. Nirag Jhala

"DR BORGES WAS AN EXCELLENT PATHOLOGIST AND AN EDUCATOR AND HER LEGACY WILL BE CHERISHED BY EVERYONE WHOM SHE INSPIRED. SHE HAD DELIVERED CI JHALA ORATION AT ANNUAL IAPM CONFERENCE AND THE TOPIC SHE CHOSE WAS ONE ON DELIVERING QUALITY CARE. SOMETHING THAT BOTH MY LATE FATHER HAD PROMOTED AND SHE HAD BELIEVED IN IN ALL ASPECTS OF DIAGNOSTICS AND EDUCATION. SHE BELIEVED THAT WE NEED TO INITIATE CURIOSITY IN DIAGNOSTIC PATHOLOGY AND NOT ONLY STOP AT INSTILLING CURIOSITY BUT CHALLENGE EACH ONE TO PURSUE IT FURTHER TO SEEK THE RIGHT ANSWERS. ONE OF THE PICTURES I HAVE SHARED IS, WHEN BOTH OF US WERE INVITED TO THIS PROGRAM CALLED MED INSPIRE IN MUMBAI. THE PICTURE I HAVE SENT IS FROM THE LAST SLIDE THAT SHE HAD UP - PERHAPS SUMS UP WHAT SHE WOULD LIKE TO CONVEY HER MESSAGE TO ALL OF US ABOUT THE PROFESSION SHE LOVED AND THE LIFE SHE LIVED!"

DR. NIRAG JHALA

"SHRADHANJALI TO DR. ANITA BORGES

WITH THE UNTIMELY, UNEXPECTED, AND UNNECESSARY DEPARTURE DR. ANITA BORGES, EVERY BHAARATIYA PATHOLOGIST HAS LOST A "REFERRED TO" PERSON. WITH ANITA GONE, THE PATHOLOGY TEACHING ACROSS BHAARAT HAS SUFFERED A MASSIVE BLOW. HER DEPARTURE IS THE END OF AN ERA. MY PARTICIPATION IN MANY CONFERENCES IN BHAARAT OFTEN ENDED UP TALKING BEFORE OR AFTER YOU. ATTENDING ANITA'S PRESENTATIONS WAS ALWAYS A LEARNING EXPERIENCE. YOU OFTEN STAYED BEHIND TO LISTEN TO MY TALKS AND SOMETIMES CHALLENGED ME WITH POINTED AND PROVOCATIVE QUESTIONS. NITA AND I VERY MUCH ENJOYED YOUR LIVELY COMPANY AT THE INAUGURAL CEREMONIES AND BANQUETS. DR. ANITA BORGES IS NOT GONE. SHE WILL CONTINUE TO LIVE IN THE HEARTS OF ALL OF US SHE HAS TOUCHED ALONG THE WAY."

DR NITA & BAKUL DALAL



"SHE WAS MY TEACHER/MENTOR AT TATA. AN AMAZING PERSONALITY AND BEST PATHOLOGISTS I EVER KNEW. IT'S SUCH A SAD NEWS. MAY HER SOUL REST IN PEACE."

DR. ATIN AGRAWAL

"SUCH A TRAGIC LOSS TO THE FRATERNITY. PRAYERS, PRAYERS AND PRAYERS 🙏 "

DR. VIREN PATEL

"THIS IS SUCH A HUGE LOSS. SHE WAS NOT ONLY MY MENTOR BUT ALSO A GREAT INSPIRATION. I WAS FORTUNATE TO SHARE MANY MEMORABLE MOMENTS WITH HER DURING HER VISITS TO OUR COLLEGE CME EACH YEAR. SHE WAS TRULY ONE OF THE FINEST PATHOLOGISTS I HAVE EVER MET. HER PASSING IS A GREAT LOSS TO THE ENTIRE PATHOLOGY COMMUNITY. MAY HER SOUL REST IN ETERNAL PEACE."

DR. ANITA BORGES WAS A MENTOR WHOSE INFLUENCE ON MY JOURNEY AS A PATHOLOGIST HAS BEEN BOTH PROFOUND AND LASTING. SHE WAS NOT ONLY A GUIDE IN MY PROFESSIONAL LIFE BUT ALSO AN INSPIRATION IN THE TRUEST SENSE OF THE WORD. EACH YEAR, DURING HER VISITS TO OUR COLLEGE FOR THE CME, I HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF SPENDING MEANINGFUL TIME WITH HER, MOMENTS FILLED WITH HER WISDOM, ENCOURAGEMENT, AND SHARP INSIGHTS THAT REMAIN ETCHED IN MY MEMORY AND CONTINUE TO SHAPE MY GROWTH.

MAY HER SOUL REST IN ETERNAL PEACE, AND MAY HER LEGACY LIVE ON IN THE COUNTLESS STUDENTS, COLLEAGUES, AND FRIENDS WHOSE LIVES SHE TOUCHED."

DR. PRIYANKA BATRA

"THIS IS SO SAD. I HAD THE FORTUNE OF ATTENDING SOME LECTURES CONDUCTED BY HER LAST YEAR, AND I WAS TRULY IN AWE OF HER ELOQUENCE AND TEACHING SKILLS. MAY HER SOUL REST IN PEACE."

DR. SADHIKA SOOD

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



Dear AIPNA Family,

A microscope's stage has closed for the final time, yet the light she cast on the field of pathology shines brighter than ever with the passing of Dr. Anita Borges. This loss leaves a profound and palpable void in our global community. Dr. Borges was not merely a brilliant diagnostician; she was a genuine force of nature—a foundational pillar of modern Indian pathology. Her famous instruction, "Listen to the cells," perfectly captured her ethos: a commitment to rigorous, unbiased, and deeply humble science. This dedication, spanning her four decades of teaching students at JNMC and her fierce refusal to indulge in questionable or superficial diagnoses, set an uncompromising standard of excellence we all strive to meet. She saw the minute details of the slide not as isolated facts, but as the final, crucial chapter in a patient's story, demanding absolute clarity and ethical truth.

Dr. Borges functioned as a vital bridge for our entire profession. She seamlessly imported world-class expertise from institutions like Memorial Sloan Kettering and planted it firmly in India. Her pioneering work with the NABL and the TMH Travelling School of Oncopathology didn't just elevate standards of care—it actively democratized diagnostic quality across the country, ensuring that excellence reached even the most remote centers. Every successful workshop she ran created a ripple effect of accuracy. She empowered local pathologists to stand confidently at the microscopic frontier. This commitment ensured that geography never determined the quality of a cancer diagnosis. Her legacy is found not only in the complex tumors she accurately defined but in the countless lives of patients and pathologists she illuminated with her wisdom. She taught us that diagnostic precision is, at its core, an act of compassion. We honor her memory by carrying forward her spirit of scientific integrity, ethical practice, and service. Her indomitable light will continue to guide the discipline she served so passionately and completely.

Warmly,

- **AKANKSHA GUPTA, MBBS, MD, FASCP, FCAP**
Founder & CEO, Ace My Path
Lead editor, AIPNA Newsletter
