



HNCII celebrated its 3rd Foundation Day on 1st August 2026 with an Oncology Conference themed “Controversies Shaping Modern Oral Cancer Care.” The conference brought together leading clinicians, experts, supporters, and members of the medical fraternity for a day of learning, dialogue & reflection.

The conference opened with an address by Dr. Sultan A. Pradhan, Chairman, HNCII, who emphasised that while early detection of cancer remains critical, timely initiation of treatment is equally important for better patient outcomes.

The Foundation Day Oration, titled “I Think, Therefore I Am...”, was delivered by Dr. Sudeep Gupta, Director, Tata Memorial Centre, Mumbai, where he highlighted ongoing advances & research in cancer management.

This was followed by a keynote address by Dr. Zarir Udwadia, who drew upon his four decades of experience in treating tuberculosis and shared insights from his extensive clinical journey. Ms. Padmini Sekhsaria delivered the second keynote address, highlighting the importance of cancer prevention for the vulnerable young individuals using tobacco. The audience was inspired by a talk titled “On Top, at the Bottom of the World” by Dr. Murad Lala, who shared his experiences from his expedition to the South Pole.

The scientific programme included two panel discussions featuring senior surgical, medical, and radiation oncologists. The panellists deliberated on the management of head and neck cancers across different stages of the disease, offering diverse perspectives on some of the key controversies and evolving approaches in contemporary cancer care.

A concluding highlight of the conference was the Inter-College Quiz Competition, which saw enthusiastic participation from postgraduate students specialising in ENT Surgery from leading medical institutions across Mumbai.

The conference was attended by over 130 medical practitioners, experts, supporters, and well-wishers, making HNCII’s 3rd Foundation Day a meaningful occasion for scientific exchange, collaboration, and commitment to advancing head and neck cancer care.