

154th

SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

MUMBAI-MAHARASHTRA

KNOW YOUR DRUGS SERIES

Topic

**KNOWING THE SIDE EFFECTS AND MANAGEMENT OF IMMUNOTHERAPY
in
LUNG CANCER**

Followed by Q & A Session by Dr Ashok & Dr Arvind

GUEST SPEAKERS



DR RAVIKRISHNA MADALA
Medical Oncologist
KIIMS Hospital
Hyderabad



DR ASHOK SINGHAL
Medical Oncologist
TMH, Mumbai



DR ARVIND VAIDYANATHAN
Medical Oncologist
TMH, Mumbai



MS RISHU KUMARI
Caregiver
Bihar



MS VANDANA MAHAJAN
Lead Counselor
Lung Connect India Foundation

MODERATOR



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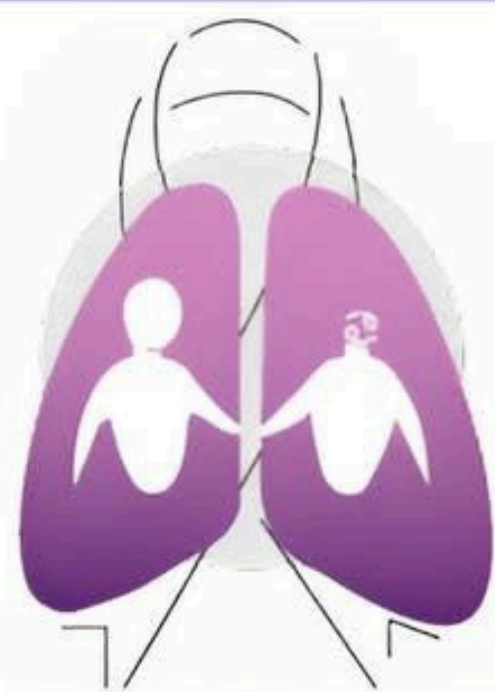
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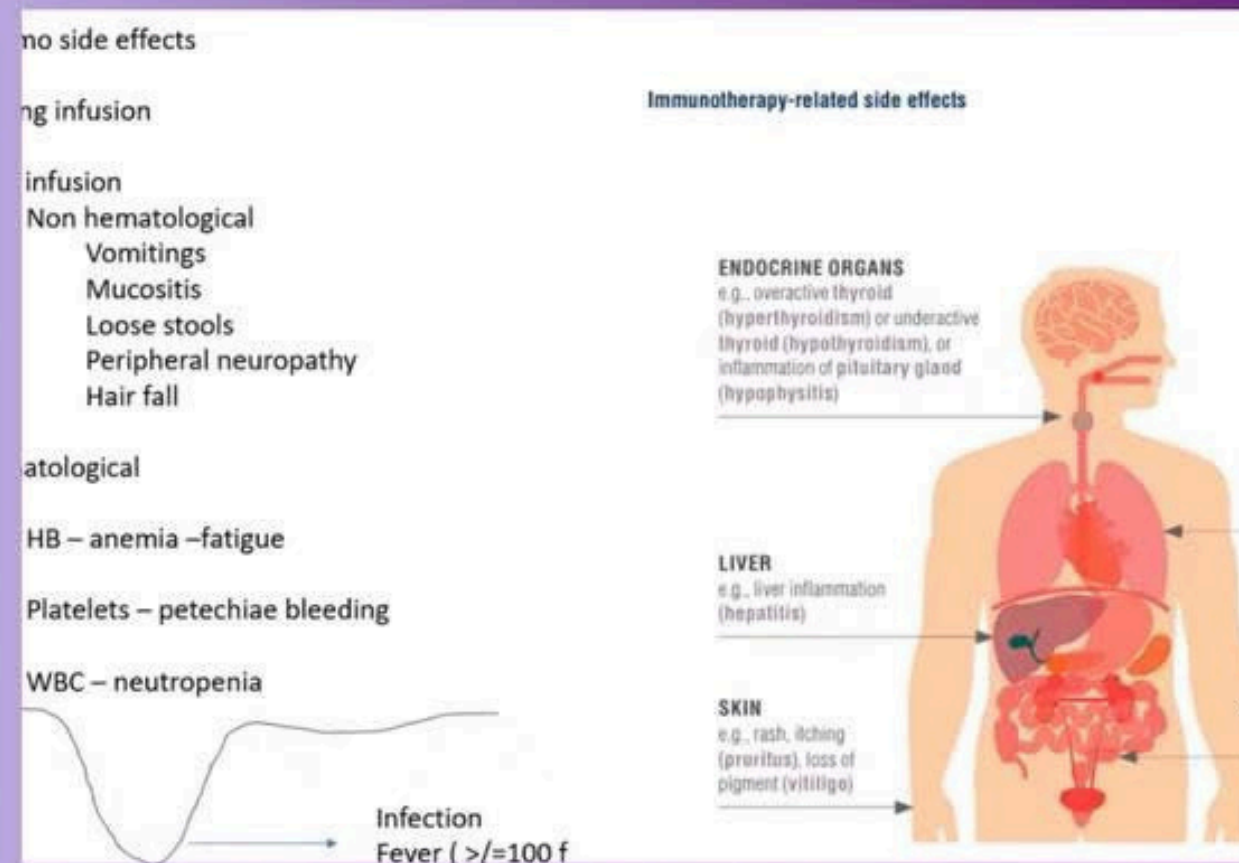
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154TH SUPPORT GROUP MEETING – MUMBAI

KNOWING THE SIDE-EFFECTS OF IMMUNOTHERAPY IN LUNG CANCER

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- 154th Support Group Meeting successfully concluded on 12th September 2025 by Lung Connect India Foundation.
- Dr. Ravikrishna delivered a detailed talk on Immunotherapy, covering:
 - Who can take immunotherapy?
 - How it is different from chemotherapy?
 - Common side effects and their management.
 - Severe side effects that require immediate medical attention.
- Dr. Ashok addressed all patient queries in an interactive session.
- Ms. Rishu, a young caregiver, shared her experiences and challenges.
- She highlighted critical gaps in lung cancer care such as delayed diagnosis.



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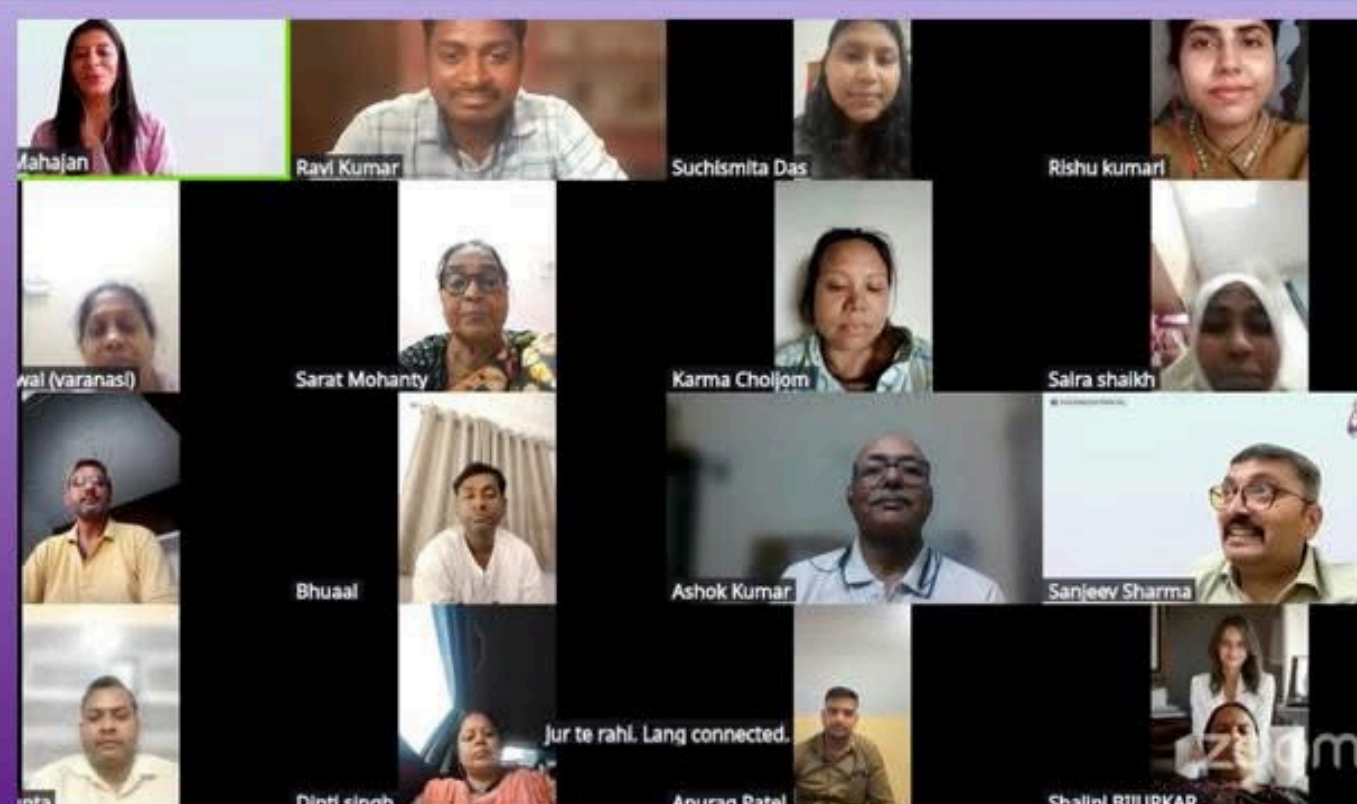
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CAREGIVER



155th SUPPORT GROUP MEETING UP-BIHAR



Celebrating
the Advocacy



Honoring the Legacy of Mr. Ravi Prakash

A tireless advocate for patients

(A tribute from the Lung Connect Team)

Followed by Q&A session with Dr Akhil Kapoor and Dr Amit Kumar



DR AKHIL KAPOOR

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DR AMIT KUMAR

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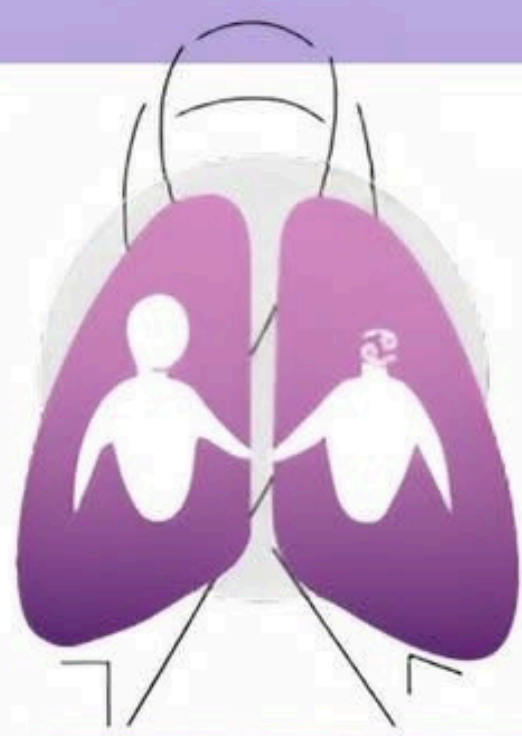
17th Sept, 2025
4pm onwards

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155TH SUPPORT GROUP MEETING- UP- BIHAR

TRIBUTE TO THE LEGACY OF MR RAVI PRAKASH (CO FOUNDER OF LCIF)

KEY TAKEAWAYS

Lung Connect India Foundation successfully concluded its 155th Support Group Meeting on 17th September 2025.

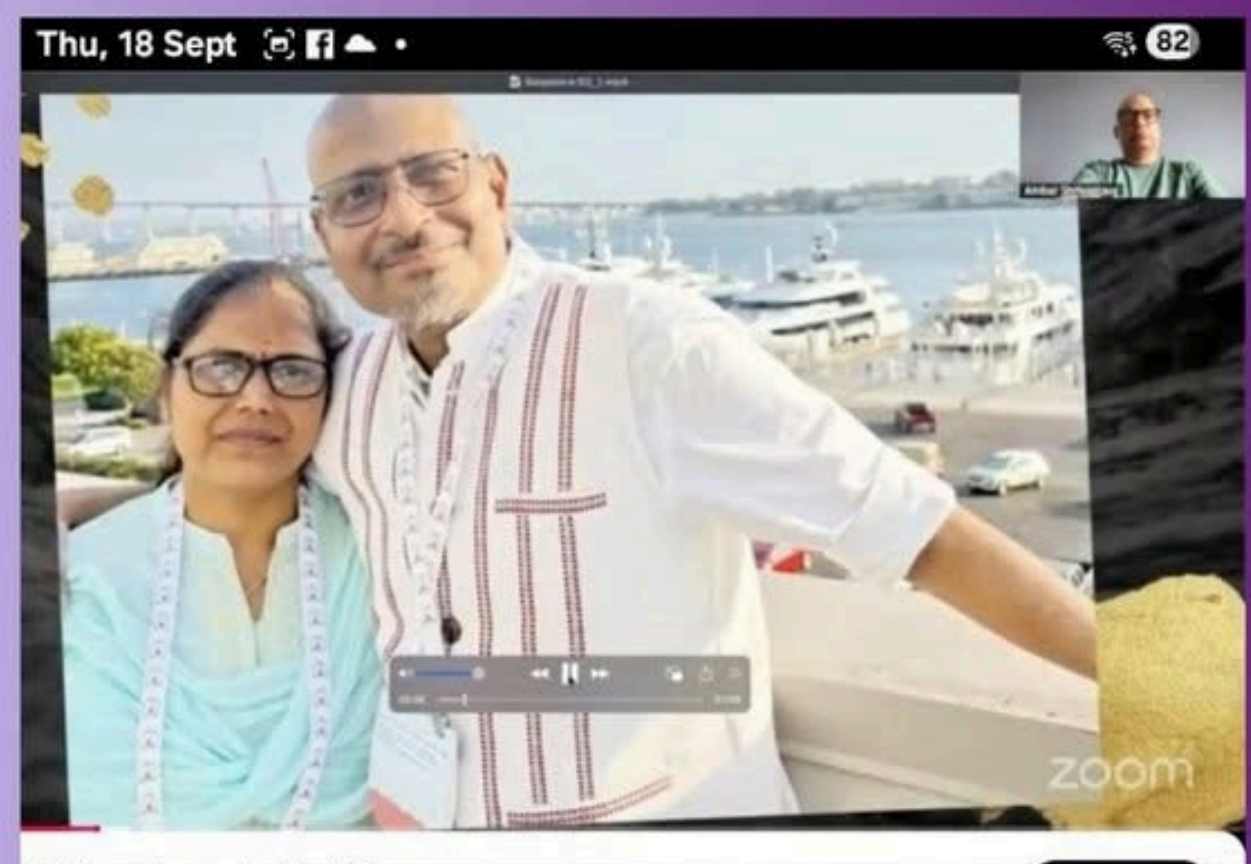
This meeting was especially meaningful as we paid tribute to our co-founder, Mr. Ravi Prakash — a caring father, courageous journalist, and a guiding light for patients and caregivers in the journey of patient advocacy.

Different stakeholders came together to share about his inspiring work, his passion for helping patients, and his relentless efforts to give them a voice. Mr. Prakash played a vital role in highlighting the financial toxicity of lung cancer care in India. He also persuaded the Hon. Chief Minister of Jharkhand to make cancer a notifiable disease in the state — a milestone that was successfully implemented by the government.

Beyond policy, he actively participated in conferences and events, bringing forward ground-level challenges of lung cancer patients and ensuring that patient advocacy found its rightful place in the mainstream.

Although we lost him in 2024, his legacy continues to inspire us. We are deeply proud that he was honored with the IASLC Patient Advocacy Educational Award 2024, and we will always remember his vision, courage, and dedication to patients.

Along with this heartfelt tribute, we also had Dr. Amit Kumar, who patiently addressed and resolved the queries of patients during the meeting, making the session even more meaningful.



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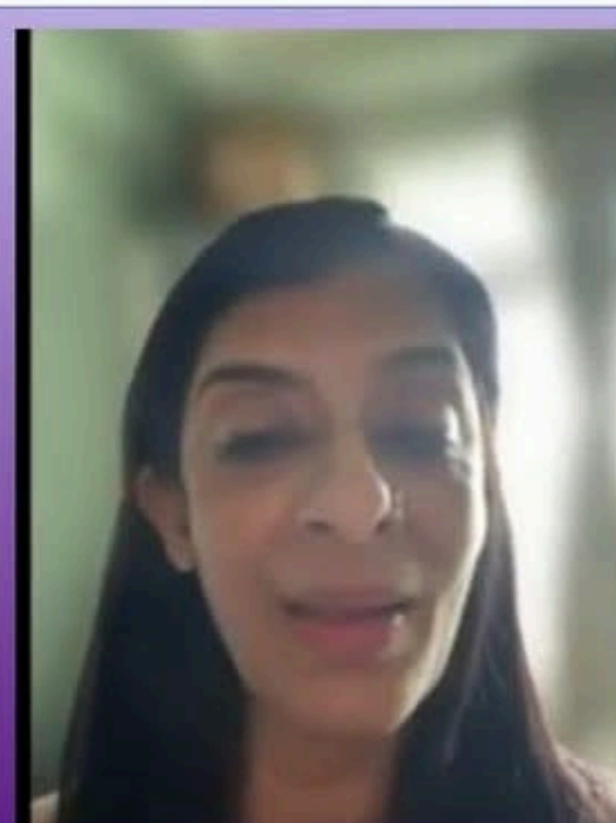
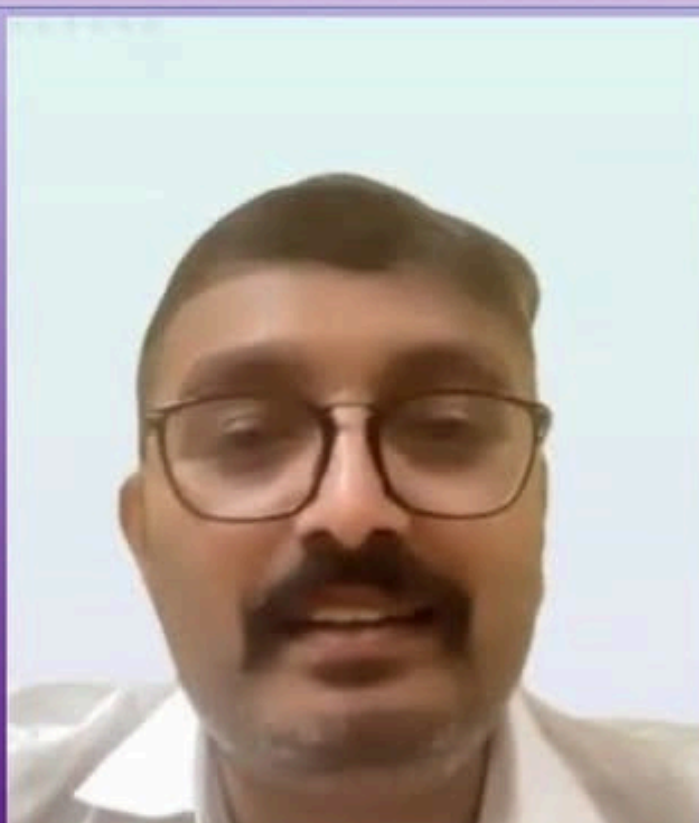
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DR. AKHIL KAPOOR
Medical Oncologist
MPMMCC, Varanasi



AMBAR SHRIVASTAVA
Lead Communication, LCIF
Moderator



41st GERIATRICS OPD SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

Every fight becomes a little bit easier when we fight it together.



TOPIC OF DISCUSSION

Maintaining Independence in Older Patients

We have Dr. Anupa Pillai and Dr. Ashok Singhal as our support.

We also welcome our guest Dr Nabila Ansari

FRIDAY- 19th SEPTEMBER 2025
4:00 pm



Dr Nabila Ansari
Occupational Therapist
TMH, Mumbai



Dr Ashok Singhal
Medical Oncologist
TMH, Mumbai



Dr Anupa Pillai
Geriatrician
Tata Memorial Hospital



Ratan Dhekale
Patient Advocate
Moderator

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156th

SUPPORT GROUP MEETING- GUJARAT

TOPIC

UNMASKING THE RISKS

Understanding Key Factors Behind Lung Cancer



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

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MEDICAL ONCOLOGIST
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PARESH SHAH
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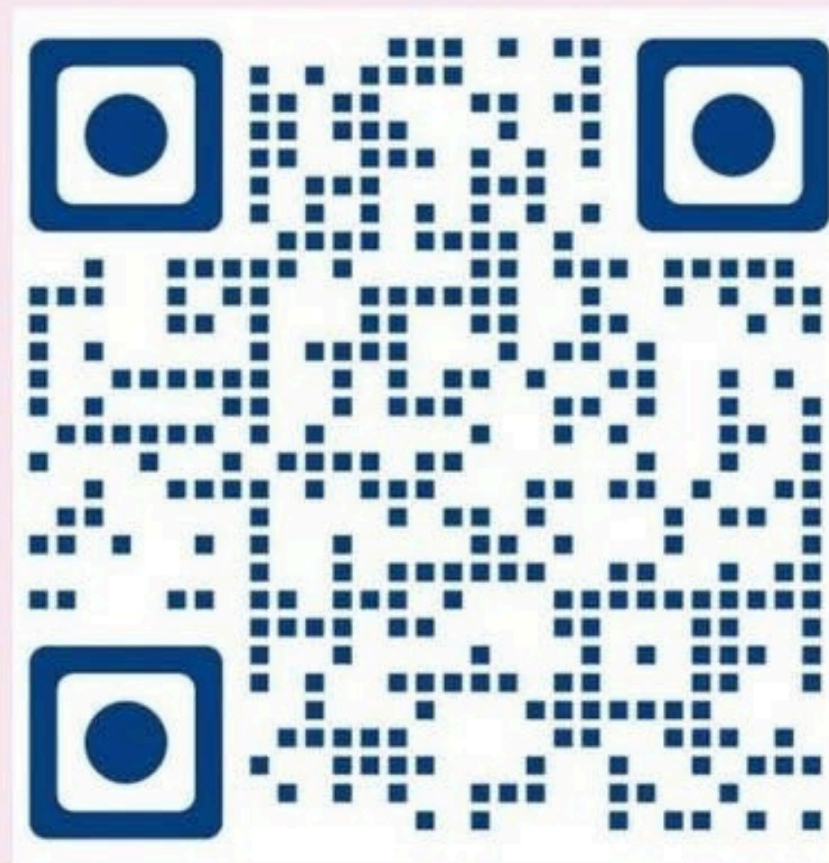


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MODERATOR

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156TH SUPPORT GROUP MEETING GUJARAT

RISK FACTORS OF LUNG CANCER

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Lung Connect India Foundation successfully concluded it's 156th Support Group Meeting - Gujarat Chapter on 26th September 2025.
-  Expert Talk by Dr. Palak Bhatt
- Highlighted major risk factors of lung cancer.
- Stressed that smoking & secondhand smoke remain the riskiest factors.
- Discussed carcinogen exposure (e.g., asbestos).
- Mentioned other factors: poor diet, lack of exercise, air pollution, past lung disease history.
- Emphasized that lifestyle factors like food, exercise & addiction are in our control.
- Underlined the importance of screening for early detection, which is still developing in India.
-  Interactive Session
- Dr. Palak addressed and resolved participant queries.
-  Patient Advocate Talk
- Mr. Ashok Kumar, living with lung cancer, shared his words of wisdom and experience as a patient advocate.

- Lung cancer is a complex disease caused by a combination of **genetic, environmental, and lifestyle-related** factors. Here are the key contributors:

1. **Smoking (Cigarettes, Cigars, Pipes)**
2. **Secondhand Smoke**



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Patient Navigator
Moderator

