

Biography



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Dr (Col) Prabal Deb is a senior Histopathologist with three decades of broad-ranging expertise in profession, academics, research and administration. After completing his graduation from the prestigious Armed Forces Medical College, Pune in 1990, he did his post graduation in Pathology from the same institute in the year 1998. Following this, he trained at the coveted All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi under the guidance of Professor Chitra Sarkar in 2005, for his Post Doctoral Fellowship in Neuropathology, prior to being selected by the International Union Against Cancer (UICC), Geneva, for an International Fellowship (ICRETT) programme in Molecular Neuropathology at the University of Heidelberg, Germany, in 2007 under the mentorship of Professor Andreas von Deimling. He was also nominated for the esteemed membership of the National Academy of Medical Sciences (MNAMS) in 2007. Dr Deb has served the Indian Armed Forces Medical Service for nearly three decades. In addition to have served in the treacherous super altitudes of the famed Siachen Glacier and commanding a super specialized advanced transfusion setup during the Kargil Ops, he has had extensive experience in leading Armed Forces tertiary care hospitals and teaching institutes, viz. Armed Forces Medical College, Pune; Army Hospital (Research & Referral), Delhi; Command Hospital Kolkata & Command Hospital Udhampur, as a professional, academician, post graduate teacher and administrator. He has immense proficiency in conventional as well as cutting edge techniques in laboratory sciences with special interest in Oncopathology, Neuropathology, Dermatopathology and Cytopathology. He was one of the pioneers in the country to establish immunohistochemistry in 1990s and has thereafter worked extensively in this emerging domain. His work extends from standardizing protocols for hormone receptor studies in breast cancer (ER, PR, Her2/neu) to establishing the role of ATRX in gliomas. His studies with LOH 1p/19q in oligodendroglial tumours and MGMT in gliomas, were also one of the

first in India. He also has immense familiarity with ultrastructural pathology, which he acquired at the Armed Forces Medical College, an institute that had pioneered this technology and currently one of the few centres in India to have Transmission Electron Microscopy facility. He is an astute academician affiliated with multiple universities as professor & examiner, including the National Board of Examinations, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, Maharashtra University of Health Sciences, and the West Bengal University of Health Sciences. As a Professor and Head of the Department, he has guided a large number of post graduate students. He has more than 100 publications in leading National and International medical journals, and has been associated with the legendary “Boyd’s Textbook of Pathology : 10th Edition” as the Associate Editor and author of 26 chapters. His flair for medical publication has put him on the Editorial board of various National and International journals. His untiring efforts over the past one decade, has seen “Journal of Cytology”, the official publication of the Indian Academy of Cytologists, being indexed with Pubmed and emerge as one of the leading Cytology journals in the international forum. Dr Prabal Deb strives to attain the best of quality control in the laboratory and achieve optimal clientele satisfaction. He thrives on new intellectual challenges and continuously pushes the boundary of excellence.