

**DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAL GENETICS AND SIG GROUP - NEXT GENERATION
SEQUENCING DATA ANALYSIS FOR MONOGENIC DISEASES (NGSMD)**

Invites you to the Guest Lecture

**Mission Programme in Paediatric Rare Genetic Disorders and
Application of Long-read genome sequencing**



Speaker Profile & Talk Overview

Dr Usha Dutta is a Cytogeneticist at CDFD, Hyderabad with nearly 27 years of experience in cytogenetics, molecular cytogenetics, and genomics. A DAAD Fellow and PhD in Human Molecular Genetics from Martin Luther University, Germany, she is a Fellow of the Telangana Academy of Sciences (FTAS) and Treasurer of the Indian Society of Human Genetics (ISHG). Her research focuses on chromosomal breakpoint mapping, novel gene discovery, and long-read genome sequencing of structural variants. She is an NABL assessor and has published multiple national and international publications.

The Mission Programme on Paediatric Rare Genetic Disorders (PRaGeD), supported by the DBT, Government of India, is a pan-India initiative involving 16 centres to improve diagnosis and discovery of novel genes and variants underlying paediatric rare genetic disorders. A key component is the development of long-read genome sequencing (LRS) for resolving structural variants that are challenging to detect using conventional karyotyping and short-read sequencing. The talk will highlight the application of Oxford Nanopore and PacBio LRS in resolving complex chromosomal rearrangements, with case-based examples demonstrating breakpoint resolution and identification of disrupted or fusion genes.



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***"All the faculties, undergraduates, postgraduates, and
PhD students are cordially invited."***



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