

# You will be missed Dr. Anita Borges!

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With deep sorrow and heavy hearts, we bid farewell to you, Dr. Anita Borges – our beloved Vice Chairperson of the Indian Cancer Society.

A trailblazer in oncopathology, a mentor, and a leader we were privileged to walk alongside.

Your journey began in the corridors of Tata Memorial Hospital, where as a child you accompanied your father, the eminent Padmashri Dr. Ernest Borges.

It was there that your love for oncology took root, and you carried forward his legacy with pride and brilliance.

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As our Vice Chairperson, your vision, your gentle yet firm voice, and your unwavering commitment strengthened ICS's role in cancer screening, awareness, and patient support. You were the driving force behind our Medical Education Programme for General Practitioners—an initiative that will continue to impact lives for years to come.

But you were so much more than your title. You were compassion, integrity, and wisdom personified. Through every report, lecture, and consultation, you upheld the highest standards of medical ethics while touching lives with empathy and respect. You taught us by example.

Your absence leaves a void beyond words—for your family, peers, students, patients, and for all of us at ICS.

You left us as you lived—with action, passion, and humility.

May your spirit of service, knowledge, and kindness forever guide and inspire us.

**Rest in Peace Dr. Anita Borges.**

## Cancer AWARENESS



Project

**SATARK**



Project "Satark" focuses on spreading awareness about Oral, Cervical, and Breast cancer through a structured approach. The project involves training doctors, followed by capacity building of ASHA workers who then engage with communities to raise awareness and motivate individuals for cancer screening.

Location	No. of Community Awareness Session	No. of Beneficiaries Reached
	(Jul - Sept)	(Jul - Sept)
Nashik	1,856	52,849
Goa	3,855	84,765
West Bengal	1,974	74,533
Total	7,685	2,12,147

**GADAG**

Training of Trainers  
114 Medical Officers and  
Community Health Officers Trained

**GOA**

Frontline Health Care  
Workers Training  
1622 ASHA's Trained

Indian Cancer Society (ICS) launches Cancer Awareness Training Program in collaboration with the Karnataka Govt. under the Tata Power project

A three-day training program was conducted in Gadag district of Karnataka between 18th to 20th August 2025 to train their Medical Officers and Community Health Officers on oral, breast, and cervical cancer awareness and prevention modules, equipping them with knowledge and skills to further train frontline healthcare workers in their respective region.



Ganesh Utsav and Navratri festival celebration in Satark Districts

During the Ganpati festival, the community gathering was leveraged to conduct cancer awareness activities focusing on oral, breast, and cervical cancers—their symptoms, early detection, and preventive measures. The team also celebrated the festival through innovative awareness initiatives, including an online quiz, essay competition, street plays, banner displays, and an awareness rally, encouraging active community participation and engagement.

Health Rally in Nashik

The health rally was conducted with school children, including 17 schools of 5 locations (Blocks), and the enthusiastic participation of students and teachers. The event focused on promoting early cancer screening and a healthy lifestyle. **Total reach of this activity is 14300**

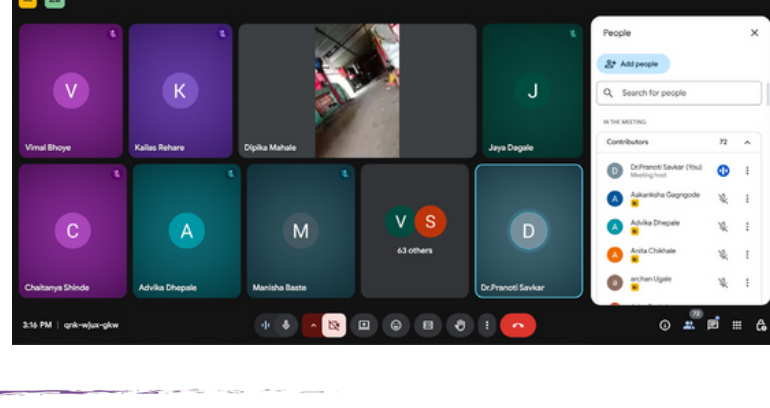


Essay Competition at Schools in Nashik

An essay competition on "Substance Abuse and Its Adverse Effects" was organized in 10 schools. Students actively participated and shared their thoughts, helping create awareness not only among peers but also within their families. **Total 5000 students** participated in this competition.

Online Cancer Quiz in Nashik

The virtual cancer quiz was designed for ASHA workers based on a flip chart. A Google Form was created for participation. Out of 138 registered workers, 64 submitted the form on time. Two participants scored 20 out of 20, while eight scored 19 out of 20.



Awareness in Satark Districts

Awareness banners were placed in the Ganpati mandaps at various locations of different blocks to educate visitors about cancer symptoms, screening methods, and prevention. This ensured that everyone visiting the site had access to important health information.

**Approximately 22,000 people** visited at these various locations in Nashik, Goa and Mumbai.



Street Plays during Ganpati festival in Satark Districts

Street plays were performed at five locations to spread awareness about cancer symptoms, treatment options, and lifestyle changes. The performances encouraged interaction and opened discussions among community members. **Approximate reach is 1049.**



Primary Health Centre (PHC) Displays Driving Cancer Awareness

Posters on Oral, Cervical and Breast Cancer were put up at all **37 Primary Health Centres, across 5 Talukas of Nashik district**. Patients and visitors at PHCs get continuous visual reminders, which helps in spreading awareness even beyond program activities.



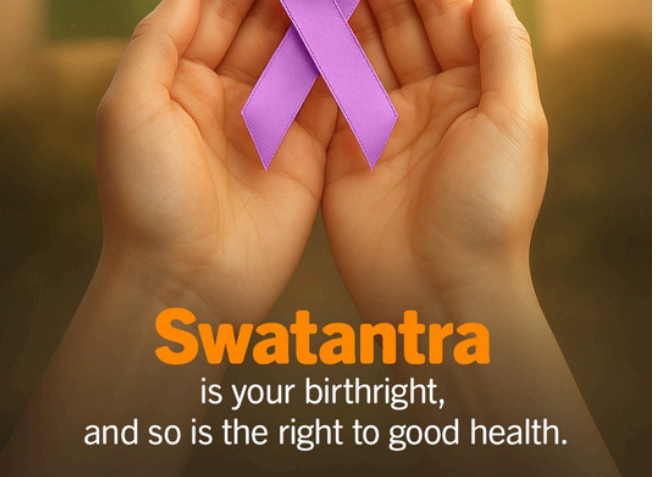
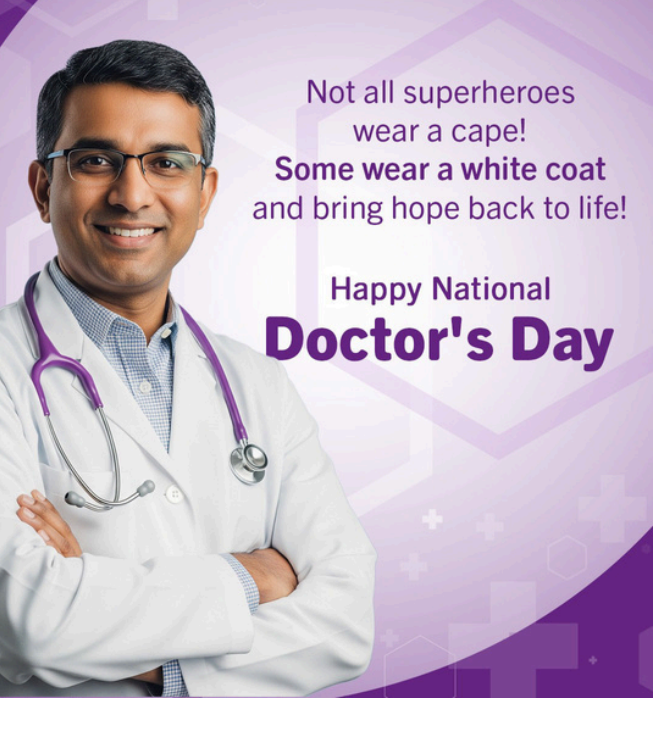
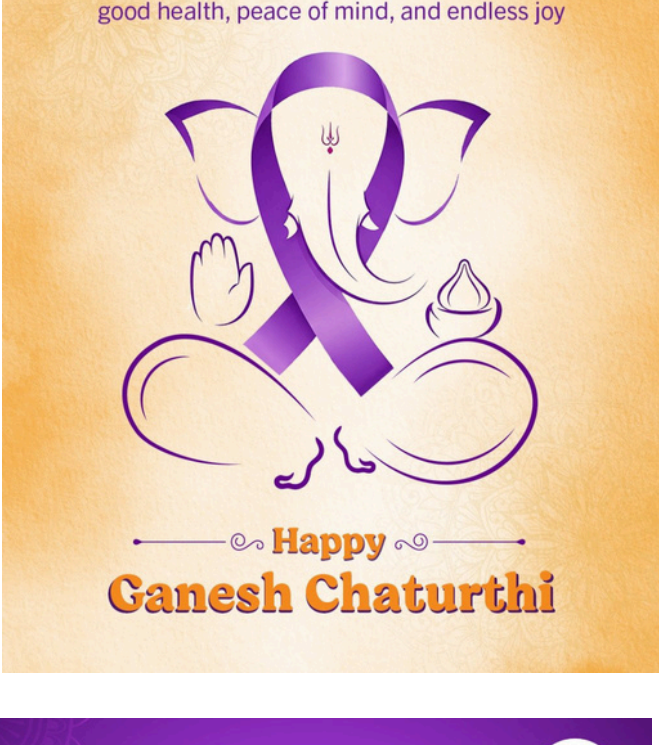
## Actress Sai Tamhankar Supports Cancer Awareness Campaign

Renowned actress Sai Tamhankar extended her support to the Indian Cancer Society's cancer awareness campaign, encouraging people to stay alert, go for regular check-ups, and focus on early detection. Her message reinforces the importance of awareness and vigilance in the fight against cancer.



## Social Media Campaigns and Initiatives

Through impactful digital initiatives and awareness drives, the campaign successfully reached nearly **3 million people**.



BENGALURU BRANCH - Awareness

In a first of its kind partnership, ICS Dharwad, with KLE's P.C. Jabin College and its alumni held an anti-tobacco drive for 471 children and a 4-day cancer screening camp for 316 villagers in Kusugal.

Independence Day: Oracle volunteers celebrated with paediatric oncology children at Kidwai, Bengaluru, colouring flags, enjoying quizzes, and singing together. The joyful morning overflowed with laughter and pride. Heartfelt thanks to the volunteers for making it truly special!



ICS Karnataka branches celebrated Dussehra with vibrant Rangoli, traditional Pooja, and festive activities that showcased creativity, teamwork, and the joyful unity of the ICS family.



KOLKATA BRANCH - Awareness Programme

From July 25 to September, ICS Kolkata conducted 7 awareness programme amongst community members, through these awareness programme we reached amongst 516 community members out of which 288 were male and 228 were female.



Sensitization Meeting with ASHA workers

A sensitization meeting amongst ASHA workers conducted on 13th September,2025 at the BMOH office of Mathurapur I Block in South 24 parganas district. Total 61 ASHA workers were present in the meeting.



DELHI BRANCH - Awareness

Capacity Building Programme

The Indian Cancer Society, Delhi, organized a Capacity Building Workshop on New Therapies in Breast Cancer on September 18th. The session featured expert insights from leading oncologists and patient advocates, offering valuable perspectives on advanced treatments, insurance, and policymaking. The well-attended workshop proved to be an enriching experience for all participants.



Swasth Nari Abhiyaan

The Swasth Nari Sashakt Pariwar Abhiyan, a cancer awareness initiative, was organized by the Oncology Department of Army R&R Hospital, Delhi Cantt, on 30th September 2025. The event saw participation from Mrs. Renuka Prasad, Mrs. Rashmi Vohra, Mrs. Madhu Rawat, Mrs. Aruna Kapur, Mrs. Kiran Jaitly, and Col. Ajai Tomar from the ICS Delhi Branch.



APAC Survey

Under the APAC initiative led by Mrs. Jyotsna Govil, a survey was conducted with Dr. Ravi Kanan and Mr. Madhav's teams to assess awareness and barriers around the Cervavax HPV vaccine among ANMs, ASHA, and Anganwadi workers. ICS Mumbai extended the effort through the Satark program in Maharashtra and Goa, collecting over 200 responses.

Fridays with Shrenik

Fridays with Shrenik is a virtual awareness program by the Indian Cancer Society, held every second Friday. In this quarter, 5 sessions covered different topics on cancer awareness, treatment, emotional well-being, and lifestyle management. Hosted by Mr. Shrenik, the program brings together medical experts, survivors, and caregivers, providing a supportive space for learning, questions, and shared experiences.

DELHI BRANCH-Annual Seminar

On September 7th, 2025, ICS Delhi hosted the annual seminar, "Silver Edge: Aging and Cancer," inaugurated by esteemed Padma Vibhushan Prof. K. Srinath Reddy. The event successfully highlighted the multifaceted challenges faced by cancer patients across all age groups. The sessions sparked lively discussions, with the audience actively engaging and seeking clarity on various aspects of cancer. A cancer awareness 'Natak' by our volunteers. was one of the highlights, captivating the audience's attention. With interactive polls and Q&A sessions, the program was well-received and truly engaging.



Cancer SCREENING



ICS NHQ has implemented a community-based preventive cancer screening program across Mumbai, Mumbai Suburban, Navi Mumbai, Thane, and Nashik districts of Maharashtra, with CSR support from Larsen & Toubro(L&T) and Axis Bank, during the period July to September 2025.



A total of **2,622** individuals were screened through **46 cancer screening camps**, comprising **30% males** and **70% females**. As part of cervical cancer screening, **1,767 HPV DNA** tests were conducted.

Approximately **8%** of the participants were identified as screen-positive, and follow-up evaluations are currently in progress.

Additionally, six Medical Officers (MOs) and Community Health Officers (CHOs) have been trained through hands-on sessions to strengthen local screening and diagnostic capacity.

General counselling to male and female visitors

Registration counter



Physical examination



## BENGALURU BRANCH - Screening Data for the quarter of July - Sept 2025

Numbers of screening camps-

149

Number of people screened

23,643

## DELHI BRANCH - Screening Data for the quarter of July - Sept 2025

Numbers of screening camps-

17

Numbers of people screened-

1640

Number of females screened by mammography-

154

Number of females screened for HPV DNA-

89

## KOLKATA BRANCH - Screening

### DETECTION CAMP

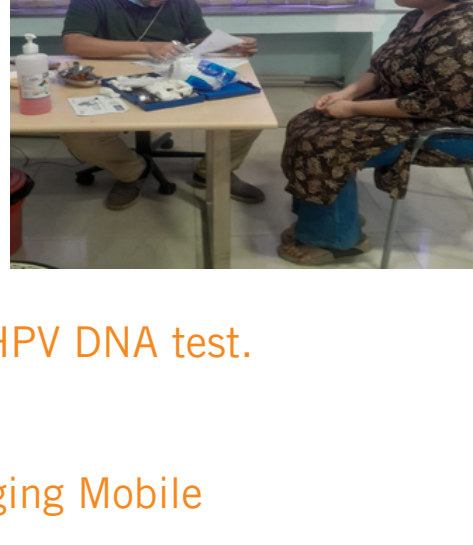
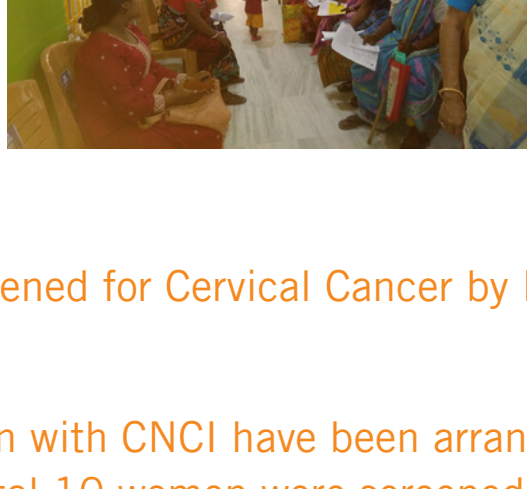
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### CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING

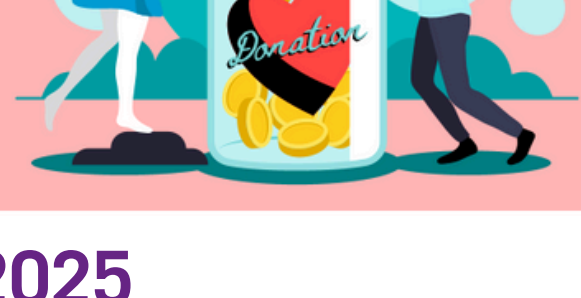
From July to September,2025 total 23 women were screened for Cervical Cancer by HPV DNA test.

### BREAST CANCER SCREENING

For screening of Breast Cancer ICS Kolkata in association with CNCI have been arranging Mobile Mammography services,from July to September,2025 total 10 women were screened.



## Cancer CURE



### Cancer Cure data July 2025 - Sept 2025

Particulars	No. of Beneficiaries Supported	Amt disbursed (Rs in Cr.)
Cancer Cure Fund	417	10.41
Arun Kurkure Initial Treatment Fund	1116	1.34
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1533</b>	<b>11.74</b>



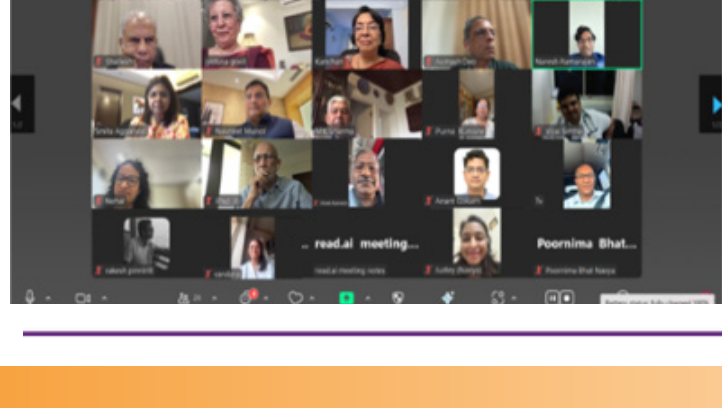
Dhanjeet Kumar - Deputy Manager CSR- Kotak Securities Ltd, visited ICS-CC empanelled hospital Kailash Cancer Hospital and Research Centre, Goraj, Gujarat on 12th Sept.2025 as part of the donor assessment visit to the empanelled hospital.



On 19th Sept.2025 Ms. Sachita Chawhan Director Cancer Cure attended a half day Donor - Beneficiary interactive session organised by Rajiv Gandhi Cancer Institute and Research Centre.



On 1st Sept 2025, Mr. Himanshu Nivsarkar - Sr. EVP and Head of CSR of Kotak Mahindra Bank visited ICS to monitor and review the work that ICS - Cancer Cure has been implementing as part of the project evaluation process.

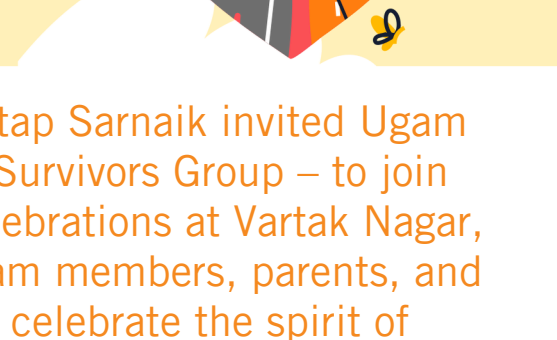


Cancer Cure Fund celebrated its 300th GAC meeting on 8th Aug 2025, on a virtual zoom call, attended by special invitees like Dr. Tushar Vora (former Due Diligence Team (DDT) Chairperson), Dr. Vijai Simha - (DDT Member), Mr. Uday Khanna (former trustee and GAC member) Mr.Naresh Ramarajan (Navya Founder), Dr. Rakesh Pinniti (DDT member),Ms. Smita Aggarwal (former GAC secretary).

## BENGALURU BRANCH - Patient Support

218 Beneficiaries Supported Through Financial Assistance (July-Sept 2025)

## SURVIVORSHIP & REHABILITATION



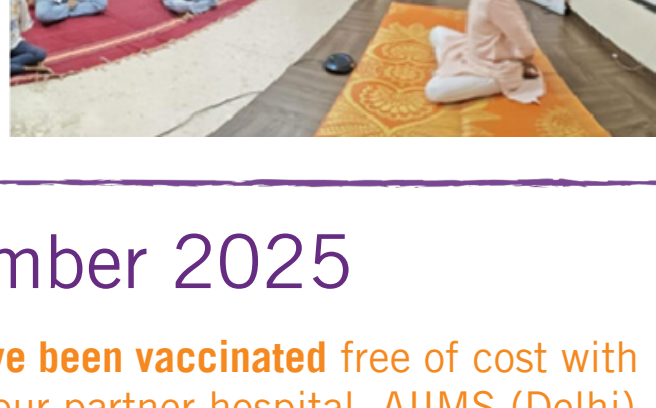
ICS Ugam organized a special session of its monthly expert-led series on July 27, 2025, titled "Health Promotion – Sehat Ki Baat." The session encouraged survivors to adopt simple, achievable lifestyle changes in nutrition and physical activity. Supported by Cuddles Foundation, Ms. Karishma led the engaging and informative discussion.



Like every year, Shri Pratap Sarnaik invited Ugam – the Childhood Cancer Survivors Group – to join the lively Dahi Handi celebrations at Vartak Nagar, Thane. A total of 48 Ugam members, parents, and friends came together to celebrate the spirit of Gokulashtami while spreading awareness about childhood cancer. The event was a beautiful celebration of life, resilience, and hope.



On 4th October 2025, the Indian Cancer Society, Mumbai, held a hybrid yoga session under its Ugam Let's Talk series, promoting health and well-being among childhood cancer survivors. Participants included survivors, families, and psychologists from ACT Clinics in Mumbai, SKIIMS J&K, BBCI Guwahati, and HBCH Varanasi. 50 participants attending in person and over 300 joining live on YouTube, it spread a powerful message of holistic healing, inspiring survivors to embrace mindful movement and healthy living.

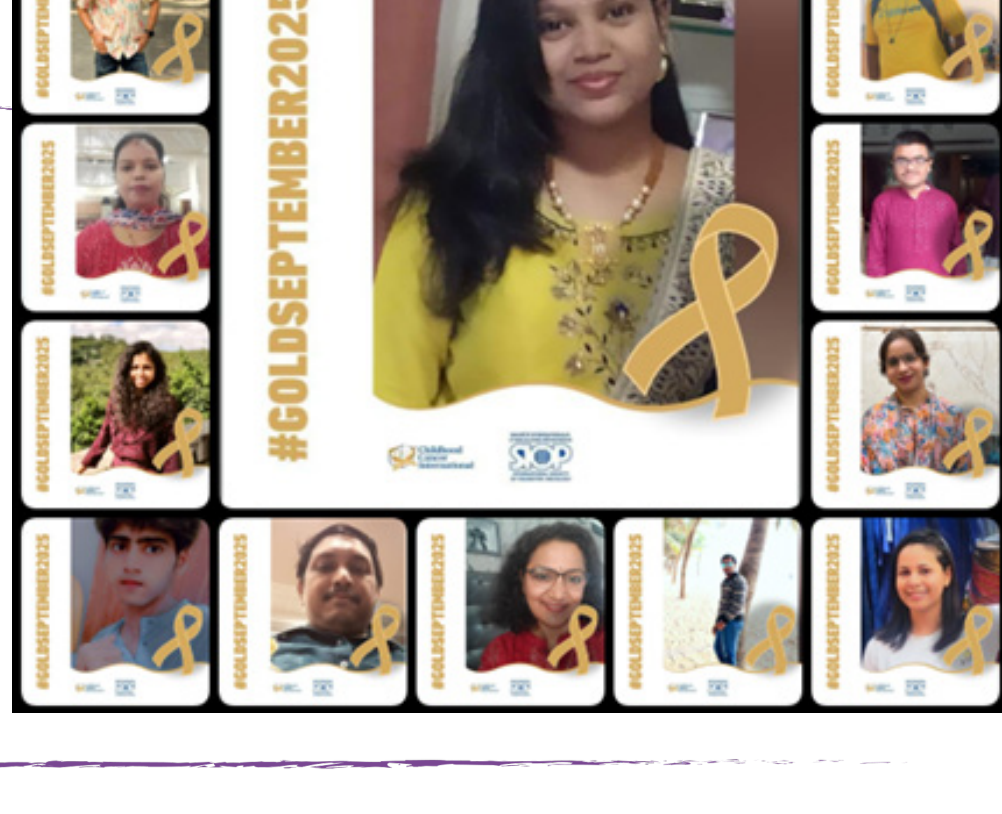


## Gold September 2025

A total of 26 girls have been vaccinated free of cost with the HPV vaccine at our partner hospital, AIIMS (Delhi). After starting this vaccination drive for childhood cancer survivors at Mumbai based ACT clinics, the project is extending support to other PICASSO centres.

### After Completion of Treatment (ACT) Clinic at ACTREC

In September 2025, the After Completion of Treatment (ACT) Clinic at ACTREC Kharghar was launched in collaboration with the Indian Cancer Society as a specialized Bone Marrow Transplant (BMT) Survivorship Clinic. It helps patients recover after transplant by checking for late effects, managing health issues, and supporting their emotional well-being through expert care.



### ICS Rehabilitation team has participated in Bhavya Grahad peth on the occasion of Navratri.

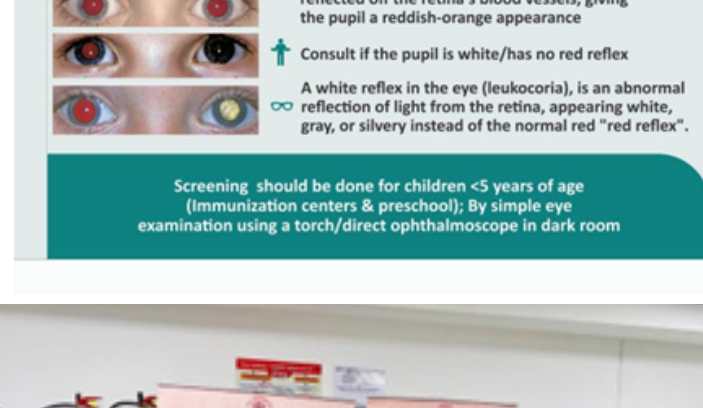


### Nappocon 2025 First National Pediatric psycho-oncology Conference 1st and 2nd August 2025 organised by Narayan health Centre Bangalore Revathi Rajgopal , ICS psycho oncologist was among the speakers at this conference.



### Let's create awareness about childhood cancer

Early diagnosis of childhood cancer - an initiative by PHO chapter



SKIMMS hospital conducted childhood awareness program



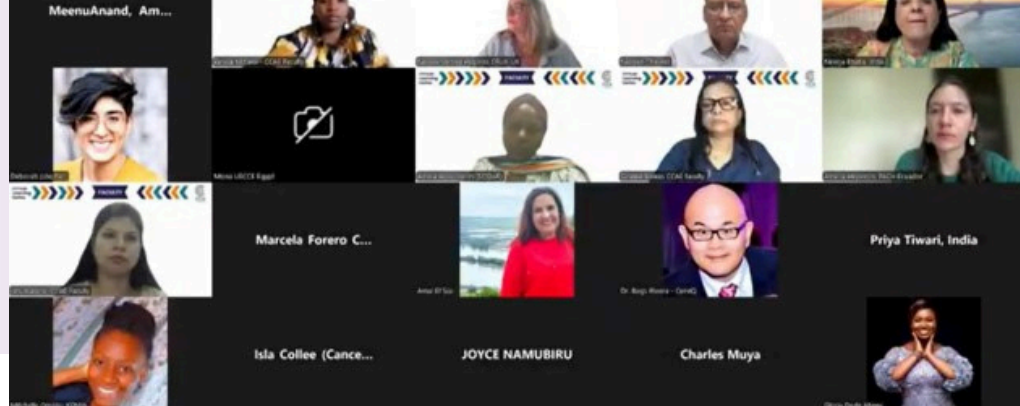
On September 18, 2025, MBA students from TSCFM visited the Indian Cancer Society for an industrial visit. The experience was insightful and educational for the students.

On 8th July 2025, TISS students visited ICS as part of their Certificate Programme in Application of Counselling Skills in Health, gaining practical exposure in cancer survivorship.

## DELHI BRANCH - Patient Support

### AIIMS (Delhi) Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

On 23rd September, the Division of Oncology at AIIMS New Delhi celebrated Childhood Cancer Awareness Month under the theme "Courage, Care & Cure in Childhood Cancer." The event featured a public lecture and activities promoting a healthy lifestyle.



### Cervical Cancer Elimination

The American Cancer Society and Cancer ResearchUK have come together to launch the Cervical Cancer Action for Elimination (CCAE) Learning Series – a five-month online course. Where Dr. Priya Parmar and Priya Tiwari enrolled.

Patient Support Group Meet

On July 25th, Indian Cancer Society Delhi burst into vibrant colours as they celebrated Hariyali Teej with survivors.



On 20th Aug - At Prashanti, Indian Cancer Society hosted a unique jewellery-making workshop led by STROKES The Fine Arts Society, SGTB Khalsa College

Faculty Development Programme

In its fourth year, the Indian Cancer Society Faculty Development Program completed Phase 1 from 11–20 August, offering 36 hours of training in cancer fundamentals. Renowned medical experts and oncologists enhanced the modules, with Dr. Raj Shankar Ghosh delivering the keynote and Late Dr. Anita Borges as guest of honour. The program, attended by distinguished guests including Dr. Ved Prakash and Dr. Gurmohinder Singh, concluded with a valedictory session featuring Dr. Anil K Dcruz, Mr. Kishore Rao, and Mrs. Kanchan Banerjee, reflecting ICS Delhi's commitment to spreading cancer awareness.



BENGALURU BRANCH - Patient Support

Wigs & prosthesis Provided to 16 Beneficiaries

ICS Bangalore joined Manipal Academy's "Shishu Bharath" on September 10, celebrating young cancer survivors. ICS Bangalore CEO, Dr. Gurusahas P shared ICS's financial, nutritional, and emotional support for paediatric patients. The event spotlighted inspiring survivorship journeys and future pathways.



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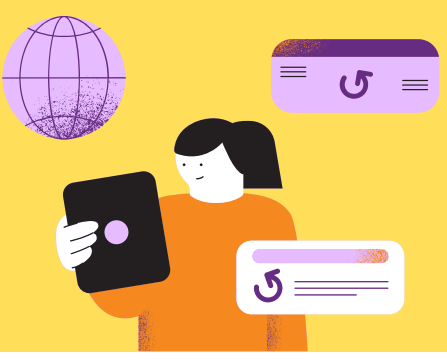


Received an invitation from The Department of Preventive Oncology is conducting its Annual Workshop on "Principles and Practice of Cancer Control Prevention, Screening and Early Detection" on 23rd & 24th September 2025, to deliver a presentation on "Cancer Registry Programme" Shravani Koyande represented Indian Cancer Society for the same workshop.

ICS Cancer Registries was one of the contributors to the National Centre for Disease Informatics and Research to the research article "cancer incidence and mortality across 43 cancer registries in India" published in Jama Network Open Journal.



Other EVENTS & UPDATES



Together, we move one step closer to eliminating cervical cancer

On Saturday, 27th September 2025, the Indian Cancer Society (ICS), in collaboration with SMBT Hospital, successfully hosted the Naveen Kshatriya Medical Empowerment Program focused on Cervical Cancer Awareness, HPV Vaccination, and Screening.

Expert panellists shared valuable insights on prevention, early detection, and patient care, emphasizing the pivotal role of family physicians in guiding and supporting patients throughout their cancer journey.

ICS extends heartfelt thanks to all participating doctors, SMBT Hospital, and attendees for their active support and commitment to the fight against cancer.



NAVEEN KSHATRIYA Medical Empowerment Program



The National Cancer Grid (NCG) Annual Meeting was held on 2nd – 3rd August 2025 at Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai, bringing together experts and organisations from across India to discuss advancements and strategies in cancer care. Representing ICS, Left to Right- Dr. Priya Parmar (ICS Delhi), Dr. Vandana Dhamankar (DDG- Medical Affairs ICS HQ), Mrs. Usha Thorat (Hon. Secretary & Managing Trustee) , Mrs. Ann Rawat (DDG- Operations ICS HQ) and Ms. Priya Tiwari (ICS Delhi).



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