

1st National Summit — ON ELIMINATION OF — CERVICAL CANCER IN INDIA

A Roadmap to Eliminate Cervical Cancer

16th - 18th
January 2026

Venue: JLN Auditorium,
AIIMS, New Delhi

Organised by

Department of Radiation Oncology
Department of Onco-Anesthesia & Palliative Medicine
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Introduction

Cancer is a leading cause of morbidity and mortality globally, accounting for 14.2 million cases per year and 8.2 million deaths. In recent years, cancer has been resurging due to a variety of reasons like physical and chemical carcinogens, ultraviolet and ionizing radiations, Infectious agents, and unhealthy diet and lifestyle.

We know that two-thirds of all cancer deaths in this country could be prevented and one of those preventable cancers is HPV-associated Cervical cancer. As the fourth most common cancer among women, cervical cancer kills more than 300,000 women every year. These women are dying of a preventable, treatable cancer at the prime of their lives. Across the globe, current vaccination and screening programs are not being implemented to their maximum potential to prevent cervical cancer and accelerate progress to elimination. Globally, only 15% of vaccine-age-eligible girls are fully vaccinated against HPV. Similarly, in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), it is estimated that fewer than 20% of women have been screened for cervical cancer, compared with 60% in high- income countries. Urgent action is needed to scale up the implementation of these proven cost-effective measures.

Against this backdrop, in 2018 the WHO Director-General called for the elimination of cervical cancer, sparking a series of consultations that led to the development of WHO's global strategy to achieve one goal: accelerate the elimination of cervical cancer as a public health problem. With three key strategies and clear 2030 targets—an increase of HPV vaccination to 90%, twice-lifetime cervical screening to 70%, and treatment of pre- invasive lesions and invasive cancer to 90% (also known as the 90-70-90 targets)—this global call-to-action provides a roadmap to eliminate cervical cancer. Taking action to meet the 90-70-90 targets will not only save millions of lives, it also offers immense economic and societal benefits. Beyond the toll on health and mortality, cervical cancer imposes a significant burden on national economies as well as social and human development.

At this critical juncture, we must empower women and rally our neighbors, community leaders, and governments worldwide to take action and save millions of lives. If widespread, high coverage of these interventions can be achieved by 2030 and maintained, research predicts cervical cancer can be eliminated in most countries globally by 2120—avoiding over 63 million deaths of women globally.

Investing in cervical cancer prevention and control now improves health, saves lives, improves workforce participation and productivity, limits the financial burden of unexpected health costs from cancer on individuals and families, and has co-benefits that can help countries advance other human and social development objectives.

Taking this background into consideration, we are planning to organize a cervical cancer summit in Delhi in the month of January 2026 to mark Cervical Cancer Awareness Month.

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Learning Objective

Main objectives:

- » To define a road map to achieve the WHO elimination goal of 90/70/90 for cervical cancer, by reviewing the scientific evidence, key policy options, and interventions that have proven successful in achieving cervical cancer elimination goals
- » To Identify gaps and barriers to the promotion of existing interventions for cervical cancer elimination.
- » To mobilize scientific and public health communities, civil society, and media.

Specific objectives:

- » To raise awareness about the various aspects of cervical cancer at the community level.
 - » To promote effective strategies and actions at the community level for HPV vaccination and cervical cancer screening in support of primary and secondary preventive measures.
 - » To advocate for the integration of HPV vaccination and cervical cancer screening into the continuum of cervical cancer care..
 - » To develop partnerships and collaboration between all the institutions, hospitals, and organizations that are working to achieve cervical cancer elimination goals.
 - » To agree on future steps to build a strategy for effective implementation and enforcement at ground level.
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Expected Outcomes

- » A set of policy options and effective interventions for achieving elimination goals of cervical cancer in India.
 - » Key messages to the media and the public to raise awareness about various aspects of cervical cancer.
 - » Establishment of a coordinated network of institutions for primary and secondary prevention of cervical cancer, involving scientific experts, professional societies, nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), academic and governmental institutions, media, and others.
 - » Release and dissemination of a collective "Conference Declaration: A Call to Action" for the elimination of cervical cancer in India.
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Communication

There is a need for appropriate communication strategies to pass scientific and political messages to society. The message about HPV vaccination and cervical cancer screening is clear among the scientific community but there is a need to make general people aware. Media have a key role in disseminating messages to inform populations, to increase public risk perception, to educate people in general to target groups to change their habits, and to generate awareness to prompt demand from civil society to politicians. Supporting campaigns and creating conditions to facilitate behavioral change is essential, but it should be combined with collective measures. Communication is the best means to raise awareness on the part of and to influence people. Collaboration with the media is essential, as well as the identification of positive, clear, and understandable messages that can be identified by media and the public as their messages.

Multisectoral Approach

Cervical cancer in general, is a disease of low socioeconomic groups but it requires establishing a multi-sectoral approach and partnerships to undertake primary and secondary prevention. Actions on the part of health and non-health sectors, along with community organizations, private enterprises, and other key actors at national and international levels are needed to achieve the WHO elimination goals of cervical cancer. The current difficulties in the coordination of all stakeholders at the National and state level underline the importance of a multisectoral approach to primary and secondary prevention of cervical cancer.

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CME

Pre-Summit CME

Strengthening Palliative Care For Advanced Cervical Cancer

09:30 AM – 10:00 AM

Welcome Address followed by Inauguration

Speakers:

Sanjay Thulkar

Professor & Head, Diagnostic and Interventional Onco-radiology & Chief, DRBRAIRCH,
& Head, National Cancer Institute, Jhajjar, AIIMS, New Delhi

Sushma Bhatnagar

Lead Consultant, Palliative Medicine, Apollo Hospital, Delhi.

Seema Mishra

Professor & Head, Onco-Anaesthesia & Palliative Medicine, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New
Delhi.

Sunil Kumar

Professor & Head, Surgical Oncology, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New Delhi

Suman Bhasker

Professor & Head, Radiation Oncology, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New Delhi

10:00 AM – 11:10 AM

Session 1

Chairperson:

Sushma Bhatnagar

Lead Consultant, Palliative Medicine, Apollo Hospital, Delhi

Sunil Kumar

Professor & Head, Surgical Oncology, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New Delhi

Rakesh Garg

Professor, Onco-Anaesthesia & Palliative Medicine, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New Delhi

10:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Lecture: Burden, Screening & Preventive Strategies for Cervical
Cancer

Speaker:

Abhishek Shankar

Assistant Professor, Radiation Oncology, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New Delhi.

10:30 AM -10:50 AM

Lecture: Basics of Anticancer treatment for Cervical Cancer

Speaker:

Sachin Khurana

Additional Professor, Medical Oncology, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New Delhi

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Principles of Palliative Care Delivery in Cervical Cancer

Speaker:

Nandan Choudhary

Consultant and Incharge Palliative Medicine, Karkinos Manipur Cancer Care Institute,
Imphal, Manipur

11:10 AM - 11:25 AM

Tea Break

11:25 AM - 12:45 PM

Session 2

Chairpersons:

Bimla Sharma

Head, Palliative Medicine, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, Delhi

Megha Prurthi

Additional Director and Head, Department of Pain and Palliative Medicine, Fortis
Memorial Research Institute, Gurugram

Bhawna Sirohi

Head, Palliative

11:25 AM - 11:45 PM

Pain Management in Advanced Cervical Cancer

Speaker:

Nishkarsh Gupta

Professor, Onco-Anaesthesia & Palliative Medicine, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New Delhi

11:45 AM - 12:45 PM

Panel Discussion: Multidisciplinary approach of symptoms
management in Advanced Cervical Cancer

Moderator:

Seema Mishra

Professor & Head, Onco-Anaesthesia & Palliative Medicine, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New
Delhi

Panelist:

Seema Singhal

Professor, Obstetrics & Gynecology, AIIMS, New Delhi

MD Ray

Professor, Surgical Oncology, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New Delhi

Raja Pramanik

Additional Professor, Medical Oncology, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New Delhi

Rakesh Garg

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Imphal, Manipur

Ravinder Mohan

NDPS Advisor, CanSupport

Nileema Sharad Shingade

Senior Nursing Officer, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New Delhi

Shveta Seth

Physiotherapist, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New Delhi

12:45 PM - 01:15 PM

Workshop - Communication in Advanced Cervical cancer

Sachidanand Jee Bharti

Onco-Anaesthesia & Palliative Medicine, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New Delhi

Puneet Rathore

Onco-Anaesthesia & Palliative Medicine, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New Delhi

Himanshu Varshney

Senior Resident, Onco-Anaesthesia & Palliative Medicine, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New
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Senior Resident, Onco-Anaesthesia & Palliative Medicine, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New
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Senior Resident, Onco-Anaesthesia & Palliative Medicine, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New
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Chairpersons:

Bimla Sharma

Head, Palliative Medicine, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, Delhi

Rakesh Garg

Professor, Onco-Anaesthesia & Palliative Medicine, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New Delhi

Gaurav Chanana

Associate Director, Pain and Palliative Medicine, Max Super Speciality Hospital, Saket, Delhi

Anuja Pandit

Assistant Professor, Onco-Anaesthesia & Palliative Medicine, NCI, AIIMS, New Delhi

02:00 PM - 2:20 pm

Psychological issues in Advanced Cervical Cancer

Speaker:

Ruparana Khurana

Associate consultant, Palliative Medicine, SGRH, New Delhi

02:20 PM - 03:05 PM

Panel Discussion: Caregiver burden and social support in Advanced Cervical Cancer

Moderator:

Puneeth Rathore

Assistant Professor, Onco-Anaesthesia & Palliative Medicine, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New Delhi

Bhanu Pratap Maurya

Assistant Professor, Onco-Anaesthesia & Palliative Medicine, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New Delhi

Panelist:

Ruparana Khurana

Associate consultant, Palliative Medicine, SGRH, New Delhi

Brajesh Ratre

Assistant Professor, Onco-Anaesthesia & Palliative Medicine, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New Delhi

Vijay Prasad

Associate Professor, Clinical Psychology, Psychiatry, AIIMS, New Delhi

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Medical Social Welfare Officer, Medical Social Welfare Unit, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New
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Vijay Kumar

Nursing officer, Ostomy and wound care manager, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New Delhi

03:05 PM - 03:25 PM

Case Discussion: Interesting case

Speaker:

Sanjeev Kumar

Senior Resident, Onco-Anaesthesia & Palliative Medicine, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New
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Suhana Sulfiker

Senior Resident, Onco-Anaesthesia & Palliative Medicine, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New
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03:25 PM - 03:55 PM

QUIZ

Saurabh Vig

Assistant Professor, Onco-Anaesthesia & Palliative Medicine, NCI, AIIMS, New Delhi

Raghav Gupta

Assistant Professor, Onco-Anaesthesia & Palliative Medicine, NCI, AIIMS, New Delhi

Prashant Sirrohiya

Assistant Professor, Onco-Anaesthesia & Palliative Medicine, NCI, AIIMS, New Delhi

Revathy

Senior Resident, Onco-Anaesthesia & Palliative Medicine, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New
Delhi

Kushboo

Senior Resident, Onco-Anaesthesia & Palliative Medicine, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New Delhi

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Vote of Thanks

Speaker:

Sachidanand Jee Bharti

Professor, Onco-Anaesthesia & Palliative Medicine, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New Delhi

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10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Inaugural Ceremony
10:00 AM – 10:05 AM	Welcome address by Dr. Suman Bhasker Professor & Head, Radiation Oncology, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New Delhi
10:05 AM – 10:10 AM	Address by Dr. Seema Mishra Professor & Head, Onco-Anaesthesia & Palliative Medicine, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New Delhi
10:10 AM – 10:15 AM	Address by Dr. Sanjay Thulkar Professor & Head, Diagnostic and Interventional Onco-radiology; Chief, DRBRAIRCH & Head, NCI, Jhajjar, AIIMS, New Delhi
10:15 AM – 10:25 AM	Address by Shri Vijay Nehra Joint Secretary, MoHFW, Government of India
10:25 AM – 10:35 AM	Address by Dr. M. Srinivas Director, AIIMS, New Delhi
10:35 AM – 10:50 AM	Address by Ms. Aradhana Patnaik Additional Secretary and MD, National Health Mission, MoHFW, Government of India
10:50 AM – 11:00 AM	Vote of thanks Dr. Sunil Kumar Professor & Head, Surgical Oncology, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New Delhi

11:00 AM – 11:20 AM **Session 1: Cervical Cancer in India**

Chairpersons:	Rakesh Kumar Gupta Director, GIMS, Greater Noida
	Suman Bhasker Professor & Head, Department of Radiation Oncology, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New Delhi
11:00 AM – 11:20 AM	Cervical Cancer in India: Understanding the Trend
Speaker:	Prashant Mathur Director, ICMR- National Centre for Disease Informatics and Research, Bengaluru

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Strategies and Solutions for 90% HPV Vaccination

Chairpersons:

Rajesh Vashishta

Associate Director, Oncology & Radiation Oncology, Max Super Specialty Hospital, Bhatinda

DK Parida

Professor & Head, Radiation Oncology, AIIMS, Bhubaneswar

Manoj Sharma

Director, Radiation Oncology, Action Cancer Hospital, New Delhi

Amit Shah

Country Director, Jhpiego

11:20 AM – 11:40 AM

Lecture 1: Current Status and Challenges in HPV Vaccination

Speaker:

Abhishek Shankar

Assistant Professor, Radiation Oncology, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New Delhi

Points of Discussion:

- Global and Indian HPV vaccination coverage trends
- Key barriers and challenges contributing to suboptimal uptake in India
- Population segments with low coverage and high risk
- Role of policy, infrastructure, and healthcare workforce in vaccine delivery

11:40 AM – 12:00 PM

Lecture 2: Strategies and Innovations to Achieve 90% HPV Vaccination

Speaker:

Sarita Kumari

Senior Consultant & Unit Head, Gynae Surgical Oncology, Max Hospital, Delhi

Points of Discussion:

- Public awareness campaigns and behavioral change interventions
- Training and capacity building of healthcare providers
- Accessibility and affordability strategies, including school-based and community vaccination programs
- Role of digital tools, registries, and follow-up systems to track vaccination status
- Partnerships with private sector, NGOs, and civil society for vaccine outreach

12:00 PM – 12:15 PM

POLICY MOMENTS - State leadership and policy dialogues: Learning from the best practices from States/UTs on successful delivery of components of Eliminate Cervical Cancer in term of 90-70-90

Special address by

Shri Tshewang Gyachho Bhutia

Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department, Sikkim

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Panel Discussion: Roadmap to 90% HPV Vaccination Coverage

Chairpersons:

Tarun Durga

Associate Director, Medical Oncology, Medanta, Noida

Vikash Kumar

Director & Head, Radiation Oncology, Metro Heart Institute with Multispeciality, Faridabad

Ranjeet Kumar Sahoo

Professor, Medical Oncology, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New Delhi

Ujjwal Dahiya

Associate Professor, College of Nursing, AIIMS, New Delhi

Moderator:

Divya Sehra

Consultant & Unit Head, Gynae oncology, Max Hospital, Dwarka, Delhi

Panelists:

Shubham Roy

Director, Shining Star Child Development Centre, New Delhi

Dipanwita Banerjee

Senior Consultant, Gynaecologic Oncology, Chittaranjan National Cancer Institute, Kolkata

Karun Kamboj

Assistant Professor, Radiation Oncology, NCI, AIIMS, New Delhi

Ajay Narain

Honorary Secretary, Cancer Foundation, Rotary India

Prem Singh

Director Immunization, Jhpiego

Indira Prasad

Additional Professor, Obstetrics & Gynecology, AIIMS, Patna

Hitt Sharma

Medical Director, Serum Institute of India Pvt. Ltd

Bhupendra Tripathi

Deputy Director, Infectious Disease and Vaccine Delivery, Gates Foundation, India

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Point of Discussion:

- Overview of the current HPV vaccination rates globally and within India
- Existing challenges or barriers contributing to suboptimal vaccination rates in India
- Effective strategies for raising public awareness about the importance of HPV vaccination.
- How to enhance communication between healthcare providers and patients regarding the vaccine.
- Strategies for community-based approaches to reach diverse populations, considering cultural, socioeconomic, and geographical factors.
- Explore the effectiveness of partnering with community organizations and leaders in promoting vaccination.
- Address financial barriers to HPV vaccination and discuss policies to improve affordability.
- Innovative solutions for school-based vaccination programs
- Role of technology, social media, and digital platforms in disseminating information and promoting vaccination.
- Effective methods for monitoring and evaluating the success of vaccination initiatives.
- Global Experiences with Gender-Neutral Vaccination Programs

01:00 PM – 01:45 PM

LUNCH BREAK

01:45 PM – 02:15 PM

Lecture Session

Chairpersons:

Sandeep Bhoariwal,

Associate Professor, Surgical Oncology, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New Delhi

Chethan R.

Assistant Professor, Medical Oncology, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New Delhi

Gaurav Trivedi

Assistant Professor, Radiation Oncology, AIIMS, Raebareli

Vineet Kumar Kamal

Assistant Professor and In-Charge, Biostatistics, AIIMS, Kalyani

01:45 PM – 02:00 PM

Roche Diagnostics Lecture: HPV Prevalence in South India: Highlighting the Role of HPV16/HPV18 & beyond

Speaker: Vijayalakshmi R

Professor and Head, Cancer Biology and Molecular Diagnostics, Adyar Cancer Institute, Chennai, Tamil Nadu

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Speaker:

Vinay Goyal

Mission Director, NHM, Government of Kerala

02:15 PM – 04:00 PM

Screening Excellence – A Blueprint for Achieving Cervical Cancer Screening Target of 70%

Chairpersons:

Ashoo Grover

Scientist G & Head, Delivery Research Division, Indian Council of Medical Research, New Delhi

Sandeep Mathur

Professor, Pathology, AIIMS, New Delhi

Tulika Seth

Professor, Hematology, AIIMS, New Delhi

Sanjay Rai

Professor, Centre for Community Medicine, AIIMS, New Delhi

MD Ray

Professor, Surgical Oncology, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New Delhi

Ajay Gogia

Professor, Medical Oncology, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New Delhi

02:15 PM – 02:35 PM

Lecture : Scaling Up Cervical Cancer Screening: From Strategy to Implementation

Speaker:

Parag Bhamare

Associate Director and Lead, Cancer programs, Jhpiego

Points of Discussion:

- Overview of WHO 90-70-90 elimination goals
- India's national screening program and operational guidelines
- Integrating cervical cancer screening within primary healthcare (HWCs, ASHAs, ANMs)
- Case examples from states with high coverage
- Importance of training, mentorship, and quality assurance systems
- Policy enablers: data-driven planning, digital registries, and community partnerships

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Lecture: Innovations and Technologies in Cervical Cancer Screening: From Lab to Community

Speaker:

Mayank Singh

Additional Professor, Medical Oncology (Lab), DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New Delhi

Points of Discussion:

- HPV DNA testing and self-sampling: evidence, acceptability, and scalability
- AI-assisted visual inspection and automated cytology
- Use of mobile health and digital tracking for follow-up and continuity
- Cost-effectiveness and accessibility in LMIC settings
- Leveraging private sector and innovation ecosystems for screening expansion

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Speaker:

Lily Chhakchhuak

Mission Director (NHM), Department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of Mizoram

03:15 PM – 03:35 PM

ROCHE Diagnostics Lecture: Integrating IHC Biomarkers into Cervical Cancer Screening Algorithms: A Practical Triage Framework

Speaker:

Eesha Angadi

Manager, Medical and Scientific Affairs, Women's Health and Critical Care, Roche Diagnostics India Pvt Ltd

03:35 PM – 04:15 PM

Panel Discussion: Achieving the 70% Target: Roadmap for Implementation

Chairpersons:

Atul Sharma

Chairman, Medical Oncology, Max Saket, Delhi

Rakesh Garg

Professor, Onco-Anaesthesia & AIIMS, New Delhi, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New Delhi

Ganga Bhavani

Gynecologic Oncology and Robotic Surgery, Auriya Foundation, Hyderabad

Aditi Prashant Sinha

Associate Professor, College of Nursing, AIIMS, New Delhi

Moderator:

Vijayalakshmi R

Professor and Head, Cancer Biology and Molecular Diagnostics Adyar Cancer Institute, Chennai, Tamil Nadu

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Pranay Tanwar

Professor, Lab Oncology, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New Delhi

Sonia Mathai

Consultant, Preventive Oncology, Tata Medical Center, Kolkata

Surendra Kumar Saini

Associate Professor, Radiation Oncology, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New Delhi

Jitendra Kumar Meena

Associate Professor, Preventive Oncology, NCI, AIIMS, New Delhi

Saurabh Sharma

Scientist D, Delivery Research Division, Indian Council of Medical Research

Anupama Rao

Sr. Technical Advisor, Jhpiego

Ruchi Pathak

Medical officer 'C', Epidemiology and community screening, HBCH & MPMMCC, TATA Memorial Centre, Varanasi

Neeta Kainth

Points of Discussion:

- Current gaps in screening coverage, workforce capacity, and data quality
- Screening strategies: VIA, HPV testing, and hybrid models for different contexts
- Self-sampling: feasibility, acceptance, and scalability
- Integration of screening with RMNCH, NCD, and immunization programs
- Digital transformation: registries, tracking systems, and teleconsultation follow-ups
- Financing and sustainability: PPPs, cost-sharing models, and CSR support
- Community engagement: role of ASHAs, civil society, and women groups
- Quality assurance and standardization mechanisms
- Monitoring and evaluation through data-driven dashboards
- National and district-level action plan to achieve 70% screening coverage by 2030

04.15 PM – 05.30 PM

Session: Policy and Practice Perspectives from the Field

Chairpersons:

Ahitagni Biswas

Professor, Radiation Oncology, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New Delhi

Bindiya Gupta

Professor, Obstetrics & Gynecology, UCMS, Delhi

Gagan Hans

Additional Professor, Psychiatry, AIIMS, New Delhi

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Aman Sharma

Associate Professor, Radiation Oncology, NCI, AIIMS, New Delhi

Ashish Upadhyay

Scientist, Biostatistics, CRU, AIIMS, New Delhi

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Special Address by:

Shri. Kumar Rahul

Principal Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department, Punjab

04:30 PM – 05:30 PM

Panel Discussion: Implementation Science Perspective on Cervical Cancer Screening: Insights from State Leaders Driving Change

Moderator:

Abhishek Shankar

Assistant Professor, Radiation Oncology, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New Delhi

Panelists:

Sangita Pradhan

Principal Director Health Services, Health and Family Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim

Alka Sharma

Additional Director/ State Program Officer, NP-NCD, Directorate of Medical & Health, Government of Uttar Pradesh

Sushant Swain

Additional Director, NCD, Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Odisha

Sunil Singh

State Nodal Officer, NHM, Government of Rajasthan

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Non- Communicable Disease Cell, Directorate of Health Services, Government of Goa

Jayashree J

Nodal Officer, Cancer Care, NHM, Government of Tamil Nadu

Manraj Singh Kang

Associate Professor, Radiation Oncology, State Cancer Institute, Amritsar and Nodal officer, Cancer, Government of Punjab

Points of Discussion:

- Adapting national cervical cancer screening guidelines to diverse state and district health system contexts.
- Key implementation barriers and facilitators influencing screening uptake and program performance.
- Ensuring quality, standardization, and fidelity of screening services at scale.
- Strengthening referral pathways and reducing loss to follow-up after a positive screen.
- Role of capacity building, task-shifting, and supportive supervision in sustaining screening programs.
- Leveraging data, digital tools, and monitoring frameworks for real-time course correction.
- Scalable state innovations and actionable lessons to inform national cervical cancer screening scale-up.

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10.00 AM – 11.00 AM	Inaugural Lectures
10:00 AM – 10:05 AM	Address by Dr Sunil Kumar Professor & Head, Surgical Oncology, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New Delhi
10:05 AM – 10:10 AM	Address by Dr. Nikhil Tandon Dean (Research), AIIMS, New Delhi
10:10 AM – 10:15 AM	Address by Dr. Kaushal Kumar Verma Dean (Academic), AIIMS, New Delhi
10:15 AM – 10:30 AM	Address by Shri Ajoy Kumar Singh Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of Jharkhand
10:30 AM – 10:50 AM	Address by Ms. Vandana Gurnani Secretary, Labour and Employment, Government of India
10:50 AM – 11:00 AM	Vote of Thanks – Dr. Sachidanand Jee Bharati Professor, Onco-Anaesthesia & Palliative Medicine, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New Delhi
11.00 AM – 01.15 PM	Beyond Diagnosis - Meeting the 90% Treatment Goal for Cervical Cancer

Chairpersons:

Sushmita Pathy

Professor, Radiation Oncology, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New Delhi

Pradeep Khasnobis

DDG, MoHFW, Government of India

Sachidanand Jee Bharati

Professor, Onco-Anaesthesia and Palliative Medicine, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New Delhi

Aruna Nigam

Professor & Head, Obstetrics & Gynecology, HIMS, Delhi

11.00 AM - 11.15 AM

POLICY MOMENTS - State leadership and policy dialogues: Learning from the best practices from States/UTs on successful delivery of components of Eliminate Cervical Cancer in term of 90-70-90

Speaker:

Tushar Anand

Mission Director, NHM, Ladakh

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Lecture 1: Strengthening the Treatment Continuum: Ensuring Timely and Equitable Access

Speaker:

Sachin Khurana

Additional Professor, Medical Oncology, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New Delhi

Points of Discussion:

- Translating WHO's 90% treatment target into national implementation strategies.
- Strengthening health systems for timely diagnosis, referral, and treatment.
- Integration of cancer care into district hospitals and medical colleges.
- Role of public-private partnerships in expanding access to radiotherapy and chemotherapy.
- Ensuring continuum of care – from screening to treatment and follow-up.
- Addressing socio-economic barriers and strengthening patient navigation systems.

11.35 AM – 11.55 AM

Lecture 2: Innovations and Models for Expanding Treatment Access and Capacity

Speaker:

Pritanjali Singh

Professor & Head, Radiation Oncology, AIIMS, Patna

Points of Discussion:

- Task-shifting and decentralization of pre-cancer treatment (thermal ablation, LEEP).
- Tele-oncology and virtual tumor boards for remote case discussions.
- Use of AI, digital platforms, and mobile applications for follow-up and compliance.
- Strengthening workforce capacity: oncology nursing, mid-level providers & multidisciplinary training.
- Case studies from LMICs demonstrating successful scale-up models.

11.55 AM - 12.10 PM

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Special address by

Shri. Sumant Singh

Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department, Manipur

12.10 PM – 12.30 PM

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Speaker:

Shri. E. Ravendiran

Secretary, Secretary-2, Public Health Department, Government of Maharashtra

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Panel Discussion: Bridging the Last Mile: Health System, Community, and Leadership Strategies for the 90% Treatment Goal

Theme:

Mobilizing Communities & Future Leaders for the 90% Treatment Goal

Chairpersons:

Narendra Kumar

Professor, Radiotherapy, PGIMER, Chandigarh

Nishkarsh Gupta

Professor, Onco-Anaesthesia & Palliative Medicine, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New Delhi

Sujeet Kumar Sinha

Additional Professor & Head, Hospital Administration, AIIMS, Patna

V. Subramani

Associate Professor, Radiation Oncology, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New Delhi

Moderator:

Sewanti Limaye

Director, Medical Oncology, Sir HN Reliance Foundation Hospital, Mumbai

Panelists:

Venkat Raman

Professor and Dean, FMS, Delhi

Saroj Kumar

Director (NHM-III), MoHFW, Gol

Gaurav Jain

Lead- Market Access, Roche

Dinesh Sinha

Professor, Radiation Oncology, IGIMS, Patna

Sweta Singh

Professor, Obstetrics & Gynecology, AIIMS, Bhubaneswar

Atul Sharma

Associate Director, Medical Oncology, Max Hospital, Noida

Swarnaditya Roy

Assistant Professor, Radiation Oncology, JIPMER, Puducherry

Sonam Wangyal

Director, Patient Care Trust, Delhi

Namrta Sharma

Co-founder, UNIMO

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Points of Discussion:

- Mapping current treatment access across regions and facilities to identify underserved areas.
- Addressing infrastructure, workforce, and supply chain needs for expanding treatment capacity.
- Integrating thermal ablation and LEEP services at district and sub-district levels.
- Leveraging telemedicine, digital patient tracking, and multidisciplinary coordination platforms.
- Training clinicians, nurses, and allied health professionals in evidence-based cancer management and counseling.
- Engaging social workers, NGOs, and survivor advocates to enhance treatment adherence and emotional support.
- Mobilizing local leaders, educators, and youth as champions for early treatment seeking and stigma reduction.
- Expanding coverage under Ayushman Bharat and other public insurance schemes for treatment affordability.
- Integrating survivorship follow-up and palliative care into the national cervical cancer care continuum.
- Nurturing a new generation of cancer care leaders through structured mentorship and specialized training programs.

01:15 PM – 01:45 PM

LUNCH BREAK

Chairpersons:

Manish Pandey

Senior Director, Radiation Oncology, Max Healthcare, Vaishali

Gagan Saini

Vice-Chairman, Radiation Oncology, Yashoda Medicity, Ghaziabad

Lajya Devi Goyal

Head, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, AIIMS, Bathinda

Swati

Additional Professor, Obstetrics and Gynecology, AIIMS, Deoghar

01:45 PM – 02:00 PM

ROCHE Diagnostics Lecture: HPV Self-Sampling: Transforming Screening, Empowering Women in India

Speaker:

Gauravi Mishra,

Professor, Preventive Oncology, TMH, Mumbai

02:00 PM – 02:20 PM

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Speaker:

Rippudaman Singh Dhillon

Principal Secretary, Department of Health & Family Welfare Department, Government of West Bengal

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02.20 PM – 03.20 PM

Panel Discussion: Making Elimination of Cervical Cancer in India a CSR agenda

Chairpersons:

Venkat Raman

Professor and Dean, FMS, Delhi

Govind Makharia

Professor, Gastroenterology & Chairman, CSR Committee, AIIMS, New Delhi

Nand Kumar

Professor, Psychiatry & Vice Chairman, CSR Committee, AIIMS, New Delhi

Sunil Kumar

Professor & Head, Surgical Oncology, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New Delhi

Atul Kotwal

Executive Director, NHSRC, New Delhi

Moderator:

Abhishek Shankar

Assistant Professor, Radiation Oncology, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New Delhi

Panelists:

DP Singh, IAS (Retired)

Sudhir Shyam,

Economic Advisor, Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance, Government of India

Swapan Dhar,

Managing Director, SBI Foundation

KK Singh

Director (Personnel), Steel Authority of India Limited

Yatindra Dwivedi

Director (Personnel), PGCIL

G Jawahar

Executive Director, Power Finance Corporation Ltd, Delhi

Ayush Gupta

Director, Human Resources, GAIL

VK Singh

CEO, Skill Council of India

Deepak Abrol

Senior Consultant, Radiation Oncologist, American Oncology Institute, Jammu

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Sewanti Limaye

Director, Medical Oncology, Sir HN Reliance Foundation Hospital, Mumbai

Vinay Subramanian

Commercial Head - Oncology, GSK

Point of discussion:

- Positioning cervical cancer elimination as a measurable, time-bound CSR priority aligned with SDGs, and national public health missions.
- Leveraging CSR funds to scale HPV vaccination among adolescent girls and boys, especially in aspirational districts and urban slums.
- Supporting community-based, low-cost cervical cancer screening using HPV testing through public-private partnerships.
- Addressing treatment and follow-up gaps by CSR-supported referral pathways, patient navigation, and access to affordable diagnostics and care.
- Building sustainable impact through capacity building, awareness campaigns, male engagement, and survivor-led advocacy.
- Developing accountability frameworks with clear indicators, impact measurement, & reporting to demonstrate CSR outcomes in cancer prevention and women's health.

03:20 PM – 03:40 PM

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Special address by

Shri. Lokesh Kumar Singh

Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department, Bihar

03.40 PM – 04.40 PM

Panel Discussion: DIRECTOR's CUT

Chairpersons:

Narendra Kumar Arora

Executive Director, The INCLIN Trust International, New Delhi

Tejinder Kataria

Chairperson, Radiation Oncology, Medanta Hospital, Gurugram

Sameer Kaul

Senior Consultant, Surgical & Clinical Oncology, Apollo Cancer Institute, New Delhi

Rakesh Kapoor

Professor, Radiotherapy & Oncology, PGIMER, Chandigarh

Seema Mishra

Professor & Head, Onco-Anaesthesia and Palliative Medicine, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New Delhi

Moderator:

Rambha Pandey

Professor, Radiation Oncology, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New Delhi

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Panelists:

Madhabananda Kar

Executive Director & CEO, AIIMS, Darbhanga & Executive Director (addl charge), AIIMS, Bhopal

Daya Nand Sharma

Executive Director & CEO, AIIMS, Rewari

Lt. Gen. Ashok Jindal

Executive Director & CEO, AIIMS, Raipur

Brig. Raju Agarwal

Executive Director & CEO, AIIMS, Patna

Ashok Puranik

Executive Director, AIIMS, Guwahati

Arvind Sinha

Executive Director, AIIMS, Kalyani

Nalin Mehta

Director, NEIGRIHMS, Shillong

Bindey Kumar

Director, Indira Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences, Patna

Shashank Pandya

Director, GCRI, Ahmedabad

Point of discussion:

- Vision alignment among AIIMS, PGI, and national institutions to operationalize WHO's 90-70-90 targets within India's public health system.
- Role of apex institutes in standardizing national guidelines for HPV vaccination, screening, diagnosis, treatment, and survivorship care.
- Creating a hub-and-spoke model led by AIIMS/PGI to mentor medical colleges, district hospitals, and primary care for cervical cancer control.
- Integrating cervical cancer services into existing national programs (RMNCH+A, NPCDCS, Ayushman Bharat, PMJAY) for scalability and sustainability.
- Strengthening workforce capacity through national training programs, fellowships, and task-shifting for nurses, ANMs, and primary care providers.
- Leveraging research, registries, and implementation science to generate India-specific evidence and monitor progress toward elimination.
- Policy advocacy and inter-ministerial coordination to ensure financing, vaccine access, digital registries, and accountability at national and state levels.

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04:40 PM – 05:00 PM **POLICY MOMENTS** - State leadership and policy dialogues: Learning from the best practices from States/UTs on successful delivery of components of Eliminate Cervical Cancer in term of 90-70-90

Speaker:

Saju Vaheed
Mission Director, NHM, Government of Tripura

05.00 PM – 06.30 PM **Evening Public Event**

Coordinators:

Vaibhav Sahni
Scientist, Radiation Oncology, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New Delhi
Aayushi
Radiation Oncology, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New Delhi

Theme:

Voices for Change – Street & Stage Play Competition on Cervical Cancer Awareness

Format:

Street Play and Stage Play Competition featuring performances by student groups, nursing trainees, community health workers, and NGOs. Each team will perform a **10-12 minute play** focusing on themes such as HPV vaccination, early screening, myths and misconceptions, stigma reduction, and women's empowerment in health decision-making. A panel of judges comprising oncologists, public health leaders, communication experts, and media professionals will evaluate performances.

Judging Criteria:

- Accuracy of health messages
- Creativity and originality of presentation
- Clarity and emotional impact of communication
- Audience engagement and participation
- Feasibility of replicating messages in community outreach

Highlights:

- Use of local language and culturally resonant storytelling to reach wider audiences
- Inclusion of survivor stories and real-life experiences for authenticity
- Street plays performed in open spaces for bystander engagement and awareness dissemination
- Stage plays focusing on behaviour change, advocacy, and collective responsibility

07:30 PM onwards

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09.00 AM – 10.00 AM

Competition: Innovation Challenge (Pitch Event)

Coordinators:

Vaibhav Sahni

Scientist, Radiation Oncology, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New Delhi

Hiya Chugh

Radiation Oncology, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New Delhi

Participating Institutions: IIT, IIM, FMS, AIIMS, Universities, Schools

Session Description

Young innovators will present tech-based or community-driven solutions for HPV vaccination and HPV based screening, self-sampling, and awareness campaigns. Best 6 entries after initial evaluation will get podium presentation.

Judges:

Deepak Abrol

Senior Consultant, Radiation Oncology, American Oncology Institute, Jammu

Ruchir Bhandari

Assistant Professor, Department of Radiation Oncology and Incharge, CyberKnife, Mahatma Gandhi Medical College & Hospital, Jaipur, Rajasthan

Onkar Nath Mishra

Vice President, MSCl

Rahul Singh

CEO, Incubation Center, GIMS, Greater Noida

10.00 AM – 11.00 AM

Parent-Teacher-Student Dialogue Session - Conversations for a Cervical Cancer-Free Generation"

Coordinators:

Deepak Saini

Scientist, Radiation Oncology, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New Delhi

Neeti Raj

Radiation Oncology, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New Delhi

Shabana Parveen

Radiation Oncology, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New Delhi

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Theme:	Building Trust, Understanding, and Collective Action for HPV Vaccination and Screening
Chairpersons:	Maj. Gen. Jai Prakash Prasad Chief Operating Officer, ACCF Devendra Kumar Yadav Professor, Pediatric Surgery, AIIMS, New Delhi Jyoti Meena Professor, Obstetrics & Gynecology, AIIMS, New Delhi Awadh Kishore Pandit Additional Professor, Neurology, AIIMS, New Delhi Tanya Joshi Principal, The Indian School, Delhi
Session Description:	This dialogue brings together parents, teachers, and students in an inclusive and interactive forum to address questions, misconceptions, and practical barriers related to HPV vaccination and screening. The goal is to create a safe and informed space where participants can freely express their concerns and get evidence-based answers from experts.
Moderator:	Ira Sighal, Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education, Government of India
Panelists:	Ranu Patni Gynecologic Oncology, Mahatma Gandhi Medical College, Jaipur Swati Jha Programme Director, Health Outreach, Sir H. N. Reliance Foundation Hospital, Mumbai Deepika Dahima Scientist C, Psychiatry, AIIMS, New Delhi Varun Goyal Managing Partner, Garnet Global Consultants LLP

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Meenal Singh
DPS, Gurugram

Ritika Madan
Teacher

Vaidehi Jha
MBBS Student, AIIMS, New Delhi

Eva Singh
Bal Bharati School

Points of Discussion:

- Safety, efficacy, and long-term benefits of HPV vaccination for children.
- Addressing common fears, myths, and misinformation around vaccines.
- Importance of timely vaccination and future screening in cancer prevention.
- Role of schools in health education, awareness generation, and positive messaging.
- Creating a supportive environment for adolescent health discussions without stigma.
- Understanding HPV, vaccination, and self-care as part of lifelong health responsibility.
- Encouraging informed decision-making and peer advocacy for cancer prevention.

11.00 AM – 12.30 PM

**Youth Parliament: Cervical Cancer-Free India by 2030
Myth or Reality?**

Coordinators:

Prerna Gosain
Radiation Oncology, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New Delhi

Jayantika Kalani
Radiation Oncology, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New Delhi

Aditi Kumari
Radiation Oncology, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New Delhi

Format:

Student Parliament Simulation (Debate + Policy Resolutions)

Jury Members:

Manoranjan Bharati
Managing Editor, NDTV India

Nagma Sehar
Senior Editorial Advisor and Anchor, NDTV India

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Sumit Awasthi

NDTV

Vijay Trivedi

Editor (National Affairs), News Nation Network Ltd.

Aditi Bhal

General Secretary, IWPC

Session Description:

This dynamic Youth Parliament will bring together student “Members of Parliament” (MPs) from schools, colleges, and youth organizations to deliberate on India’s pathway toward a Cervical Cancer-Free India by 2030. Through structured debate, motions, and policy proposals, student MPs will articulate the challenges and opportunities in meeting WHO’s 90–70–90 elimination targets.

A jury comprising policymakers, public health experts, and oncologists will evaluate the presentations, engage with the debaters, and provide expert reflections on youth-driven advocacy and policy innovation for cancer prevention.

Session Objectives:

- To engage youth as thought leaders and future policymakers in the cervical cancer elimination movement.
- To foster debate and critical thinking around public health priorities, equity, and implementation challenges.
- To generate youth-driven policy ideas for vaccination, screening, and treatment coverage.
- To connect youth voices with real-world policymakers and health leaders.

Moderator of the Youth Parliament:

Deepak Saini,

Scientist, Radiation Oncology, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New Delhi

Vaibhav Sahni

Scientist, Radiation Oncology, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New Delhi

Aswin Ravi

Senior Resident, Radiation Oncology, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New Delhi

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Sushant

Senior Resident, Radiation Oncology, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New Delhi

Bhanu Vashistha

Medical Oncology, BLK-Max Super Speciality Hospital Delhi

Rahul Kumar

TBA

Group / Motion: 1

“Universal HPV Vaccination: The Foundation for a Cervical Cancer-Free India”

Focus Area :

Vaccination strategies, addressing myths, school-based immunization, gender neutrality

Sample Policy Points :

- Mandate HPV vaccine in school health programs.
- Subsidize HPV vaccines under national immunization.
- Create parent-teacher awareness task forces.

Group / Motion: 2

“70% Screening Coverage by 2030: Bridging the Urban-Rural Divide”

Focus Area :

Access to screening, HPV self- sampling, use of digital tools, community health integration

Sample Policy Points :

- Deploy mobile screening units.
- Train ASHAs for self- sampling distribution.
- Create digital registries for follow-up.

Group / Motion: 3

“Timely Treatment and Care for All: Meeting the 90% Treatment Goal”

Focus Area :

Strengthening treatment infrastructure, tele-oncology, financial protection

Sample Policy Points :

- Set up district cancer treatment centers.
- Integrate treatment into Ayushman Bharat.
- Use telemedicine for rural follow-up.

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Group / Motion: 4

“Youth as Change Agents: Mobilizing Future Leaders”

Focus Area :

Advocacy, communication, and behavioral change

Sample Policy Points :

- Establish Youth Cancer Clubs in universities.
- Launch national awareness campaigns led by students.
- Include HPV education in school curriculum.

Points of Discussion /Debate Prompts:

- Is achieving cervical cancer elimination by 2030 feasible in India?
- How can vaccine hesitancy be tackled at the community level?
- What innovations can make screening accessible for all women?
- How can we ensure equitable access to treatment across India?
- What role should youth and civil society play in this mission?
- How can India lead global South-South collaboration on elimination?

12.30 PM – 01.00 PM

Communication in empowering cervical cancer elimination

Theme:

**Building Trust, Countering Myths, and Strengthening
Community-Driven Communication for HPV Vaccination and Cancer
Awareness**

Chairpersons:

Sanjay Srivastava,
IAS (Retired)

Abhinav Kumar
Additional Professor, Trauma Surgery, JPNATC, AIIMS, New Delhi

Amol Raheja
Assistant Professor, Neurosurgery, AIIMS, New Delhi

Avdhesh Chandra
Consultant, SET Facility, AIIMS, New Delhi

Moderator:

Nand Kumar,
Professor, Psychiatry, AIIMS, New Delhi

Panelists:

Chandra Prakash Prasad
Additional Professor, Medical Oncology (Lab), DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New Delhi

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Ashutosh Mishra

Associate Professor, Surgical Oncology, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New Delhi

Jyoti Kumar

General Manager, Corporate Communications, GAIL

Prabhu Jha

Radio Mirchi

Asif Ali

Associate Professor, National School of Drama, Delhi

Ashutosh Padhi

National Program Manager, Jhpiego

Priyadarshani Sharma

Head of Communication, Roche Diagnostics India Pvt. Ltd.

Anonna Dutt

Health Science Reporter, The Indian Express

Points of Discussion:

- Understanding communication barriers and misinformation around HPV vaccination and cervical cancer
- Building trust through culturally sensitive, evidence-based messaging
- Strengthening community-driven communication using ASHAs, ANMs, youth and women's groups
- Engaging media and digital influencers to amplify accurate awareness
- Integrating cancer communication into RMNCH, NCD, and school health programs
- Leveraging local champions, survivors, and civil society for storytelling and advocacy
- Developing multilingual IEC materials and digital campaigns for rural and urban contexts
- Creating feedback loops to measure communication impact and public perception
- Promoting collaboration between government, NGOs, and private partners for sustained awareness
- Linking communication strategies with national elimination goals and 90-70-90 targets

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Speaker:

Vaibhav Rikhari

Secretary to Honourable Minister of Health, Government of NCT of Delhi

01:15 PM – 02:00 PM

LUNCH BREAK

02:00 PM – 02:15 PM

POLICY MOMENTS - Mobilizing Youth Power through NSS to Advance the Cervical Cancer Elimination Goals

Speaker:

Ramesh Verma

Director (NSS), Ministry of Youth Affairs, Government of India

02:15 PM – 02:30 PM

ROCHE Diagnostics Lecture: HPV DNA screening - Challenges & Opportunities

Speaker

Hema Divakar

Consultant and MD, Divakar Specialty Hospital

02:30 PM – 03:00 PM

Panel Discussion: Media as a Catalyst for Cervical Cancer Elimination - Responsible Reporting and Social Impact

Theme

Media Advocacy Hour - Power of the Pen

Chairpersons:

Rajesh Sagar

Professor, Psychiatry, AIIMS, New Delhi

Piyush Ranjan

Professor, Surgical Disciplines, AIIMS, New Delhi

Ashutosh Mishra

Associate Professor, Surgical Oncology, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New Delhi

Bittu Bhukkal

Assistant Professor, Surgical Oncology, NCI, AIIMS, New Delhi

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Moderator:

Kaunain Sheriff

National Health Editor, The Indian Express

Panelists:

Pallavi Jha

Special Correspondent, News24

Parimal Kumar

Former Health Editor, NDTV

Anuja Jaiswal

Senior Assistant Editor, The Times of India

Ranbijay Singh

Principal Correspondent, Hindustan

Kumar Kundan

Assistant editor, Tv9 bharatvarsh

Payal Banerjee

Assistant Editor, Press Trust of India (PTI)

Madhurendra Kumar

Senior Editor, News Nation

Shalini Bhardwaj

Senior Health Editor, Asian News International (ANI)

Milan Sharma

Senior special correspondent, Aaj Tak

Points of Discussion:

- Countering myths and misinformation on HPV vaccination.
- Using social media for public health advocacy.
- Engaging local media and regional languages.
- Creating media partnerships for awareness campaigns.

03.00 PM - 03.30 PM

Panel Discussion: Bridging Gaps - Industry's Role in Access, Affordability & Awareness

Coordinators:

Deepak Saini

Scientist, Radiation Oncology, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New Delhi

Prerna Gosain

Radiation Oncology, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New Delhi

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Jayantika Kalani

Radiation Oncology, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New Delhi

Shabana Parveen

Radiation Oncology, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New Delhi

Theme:

Industry Roundtable: Partnerships for Progress: Innovating and Investing in Cervical Cancer Elimination

Chairpersons:

Sangeeta Pankaj

Professor & Head, Gynecologic Oncology, IGIMS, Patna

Chandrashekhar SH

Professor, Radiology, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New Delhi

Supriya Mallick

Associate Professor, Radiation Oncology, NCI, AIIMS, New Delhi

Babul Bansal

Assistant Professor, Surgical Oncology, NCI, AIIMS, New Delhi

Moderator:

Prabhat Singh Malik

Professor, Medical Oncology, DRBRAIRCH, AIIMS, New Delhi

Panelists:

Vaibhav Kohli

Head - Marketing, Access & Commercial Excellence, Roche Diagnostics India and Neighboring Markets

Gaurav Jain

Lead Market Access, Roche

Deepak Singh

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Points of Discussion:

- Fireside chat with patient survivor
- Scaling indigenous HPV vaccine production and delivery.
- Affordable self-sampling kits for mass screening.
- Digital tracking and telehealth support for screening & treatment.
- CSR collaborations and outcome-based investments.

03.30 PM – 04.00 PM

Panel Discussion: Building People-Powered Movements; NGO & Civil Society Conclave: Community Champions - NGOs Leading the Charge for Cervical Cancer Elimination

Coordinators:

Vaibhav Sahni

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Veerendra Mishra

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Madhu Gupta

Director, Beautiful Tomorrow Trust, Ghaziabad, UP

Ajay Narain

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Sonam Wangyal

Director, Patient Care Trust, Delhi

Lili Jenamani

KRIAA Foundation, Bhubaneswar

Manju Sinha

Gulmohar Maitri

Nikita Hira

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Points of Discussion:

- Addressing cultural and religious barriers.
- Community engagement for HPV vaccination and screening.
- Partnerships between NGOs and local health systems.
- Monitoring, evaluation, and sustainability of NGO-led programs.

04:00 PM – 04:15

POLICY MOMENTS - State leadership and policy dialogues: Learning from the best practices from States/UTs on successful delivery of components of Eliminate Cervical Cancer in term of 90-70-90

Special address by:

Shri. Sampath Kumar

Principal Secretary, Department of Health & Family Welfare,
Government of Meghalaya

04:15 PM – 04:30 PM

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Speaker:

Amit Yadav

Mission Director, NHM, Government of Rajasthan

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Panel Discussion: Gender, Equity & Access in Cervical Cancer Care

Theme:

Reaching the Unreached - Ensuring Inclusive and Equitable Cervical Cancer Care

Chairpersons:

Durgatosh Pandey

Chairman – Surgical Oncology, Asian Institute of Medical Sciences, Faridabad & Senior Consultant & Head Surgical Oncology, Chief of Onco-Sciences, Holy Family Hospital, New Delhi

Anita Malik

Director & HOD, Radiation Oncology Department, Fortis International Oncology, Noida

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Associate Professor, Radiation Oncology, AIIMS, Bhopal

Moderator:

Ruchir Bhandari

Assistant Professor, Department of Radiation Oncology and Incharge, CyberKnife, Mahatma Gandhi Medical College & Hospital, Jaipur, Rajasthan

Panelists:

Saritha Shamsunder

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Niharika Bisht

Radiation Oncologist, R & R Hospital, New Delhi

Arun Kumar

Business Head, North & East, GSK Oncology

Points of Discussion:

- Understanding the rural–urban divide in screening coverage, diagnosis, and treatment outcomes.
- Addressing barriers faced by tribal, remote, and hard-to-reach communities in accessing screening and follow-up services.
- Gender and socioeconomic determinants affecting women's participation in preventive and curative care.
- Cultural norms, stigma, and gendered communication gaps influencing HPV vaccination and screening uptake.
- Role of community health workers and local women's groups in improving access and equity.
- Integrating equity-focused strategies within national and state cervical cancer programs.
- Inclusive approaches for marginalized populations—migrant workers, informal laborers, and women with disabilities.
- Leveraging digital health tools to bridge access gaps and enable remote consultations and follow-ups.
- Ensuring policy alignment with gender-sensitive and rights-based health frameworks.
- Strengthening data disaggregation and monitoring systems to track equity outcomes.

5.00 PM onwards

Valedictory Function

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