

## **Report on World Cancer Day Events**

**Organized by:** Department of Public Health Dentistry in association with NSS Unit -1, Yenepoya (Deemed to be University), Mangalore- 575018, Karnataka, India.

From 31-1-2026 to 9-2-2026

### **31/1/2026**

Intercollegiate Painting Competition was held on 31/1/2026 at Yenviron. Welcome address for the event was given by Dr. Rekha Shenoy. The Chief Guest, Dr. Jagadish Chandra, President of IDA-DK Branch, emphasized that cancer prevention begins with awareness and early action. He highlighted that many cancers can be prevented or detected at an early stage through healthy lifestyle practices, regular screening, and timely medical consultation. The Presidential address was delivered by Principal Dr. Laxmikanth Chatra, and the Guest of Honour was Dean Dr. Sham S. Bhat. Dr. Junaid, NSS Program Officer, was also present for the occasion. A total of 35 teams took part in the event.

### **2/2/2026**

Intercollegiate Collage Competition was held on 2/2/2026 at Yenviron. Welcome address for the event was given by Dr. Rekha Shenoy. Chief Guest Dr. Rohan Shetty, Surgical Oncologist, Zulekha Yenepoya Institute of Oncology highlighted that healthcare professionals play a vital role not only in treatment but also in education and community outreach. He emphasized that by empowering the public with accurate information, we can dispel myths, reduce fear, and promote timely healthcare-seeking behavior. Presidential address was given by Principal Dr. Laxmikanth Chatra. Guest of Honor was Dean Dr. Sham S. Bhat. Dr. Junaid, NSS Program Officer, was also present for the occasion. A total of 21 teams took part in the event.

**4/2/2026**

Cook for a cause intercollegiate event was held on 4/2/2026. This is an annual fund raiser event at Yenepoya Dental College for the benefit of Cancer patients. Welcome address for the event was given by Dr. Rekha P Shenoy. Chief Guest Dr. H R Thimmaiah, District Health and Family Welfare Officer (DHO), Dakshina Kannada District inaugurated the Cook for a cause at Yenviron and told behind every cancer diagnosis is a human story of courage and resilience. Supporting patients emotionally, socially, and psychologically is as important as medical treatment. Dr. Akhter Husain, Director- Centre for Craniofacial Anomalies, Yenepoya (Deemed to be University), Dean, Faculty of Dentistry, Dr. Sham S Bhat, Dr. Jalaluddin Akbar KC, Professor and Head, Surgical Oncology, YMCH were the guests of honor. Dr. Junaid, NSS Program Officer, was present at the event. Total of 10 teams participated in the event.

**9/2/2026**

The Valedictory function for World Cancer Day took place on 9/2/2026, at the Yenepoya Dental College Auditorium. Welcome address was given by Dr. Rekha Shenoy, Professor and Head, Department of Public Health Dentistry. The Chief Guest Dr. Vijith Vittal Shetty, Associate Professor, Department of Oncology, K S Hegde Medical Academy, Mangalore emphasized that as clinicians, our responsibility extends beyond treatment to prevention and early diagnosis. Timely screening, risk assessment, and patient education remain the most effective tools in reducing cancer burden. Presidential address was delivered by Dr. Laxmikanth Chatra, Principal, who emphasized, Young people are powerful agents of change in cancer prevention. By adopting healthy habits and spreading awareness, they can shape a cancer-aware future. Dr. Jalaluddin Akbar KC, Professor and Head, Surgical Oncology, YMCH and Dr. Sham S Bhat, Dean, Yenepoya Dental College were the guests of honor. Dr. Imran Pasha, Additional Professor, Department of Public Health Dentistry provided an overview of the World Cancer Day program. Vote of Thanks was given by Dr. Junaid, NSS Program Officer. Winners of the competitions were announced

### **Cancer Awareness Outreach Program**

The Team of the Cancer Awareness Outreach Program (Dr. Anjum Ifthikar, Surgical Oncologist, Zulekha Yenepoya Institute of Oncology, Dr. Umme Amarah, Reader, Oral Medicine & Radiology, Dr. Ashwini Shetty, Programme Coordinator, National Service Scheme (NSS) and Dr. Imran Pasha M, Additional Professor, Department of Public Health Dentistry) delivered the lectures on Cervical, Breast, Oral and Cancer in General to the Students.

#### **Organizing committee**

##### **Organizing chairperson:**

Dr. Rekha P Shenoy

##### **Organizing secretary:**

Dr. Imran Pasha M

##### **Organizing members:**

Dr. Junaid

Dr. Supriya A

Dr. Apoorva

Dr. Pramada Prabhakar





















