

## **Report on World Cancer Day Events from 1st February to 6th February 2025 with a theme "United by Unique".**

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

### **1/2/2025**

Intercollegiate Painting Competition was held on 1/2/2025 at Yenviron. Welcome address for the event was given by Dr. Rekha Shenoy. Chief Guest Dr. Dinesh Makuny, Professor and Head, Radiation Oncology, emphasized on importance of screening and regular checkups. Presidential address was given by Principal Dr. Laxmikanth Chatra, Guests of honor were Dean, Dr. Sham S Bhat and Vice Principal, Dr. M Hasan Sarfaraz. Dr. Junaid, NSS Program Officer was also present. A total of 26 teams took part in the event.

### **3/2/2025**

Cook for a cause intercollegiate event was held on 3/2/2025. 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 Shri D Carthigueane, Regional Director, NSS, Regional Directorate Office, Bengaluru inaugurated the Cook for a cause at Yenviron. Dr. Jalaluddin Akbar KC, Professor and Head, Surgical Oncology, YMCH and Vice Principal Dr. M Hasan

Sarfaraz were the guests of honor. Dr. Junaid, NSS Program Officer, was present at the event. Total of 11 teams participated in the event.

## **4/2/2025**

Intercollegiate Collage Competition was held on 4/2/2025 at Yenviron. Welcome address for the event was given by Dr. Rekha Shenoy. Chief Guest Dr.

Suryanarayana Kunikullaya, Professor of Radiation Oncology, addressed how stigma and fear hinder individuals from seeking care, emphasizing the need for a compassionate and supportive environment. Presidential address was given by Principal Dr. Laxmikanth Chatra. Guest of Honor was Vice Principal Dr. M Hasan Sarfaraz . A total of 21 teams took part in the event.

## **6/2/2025**

The Valedictory function for World Cancer Day took place on 6/2/2025, 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. Krishna Prasad, Chief Medical Oncologist, Mangalore Institute of Oncology emphasized that early diagnosis and treatment are key to improving cancer outcomes, stressing how timely detection can significantly increase the chances of successful treatment and survival. Presidential address was delivered by Dr. Laxmikanth Chatra, Principal, who emphasized the significance of awareness campaigns and regular screenings in motivating individuals to seek early help, noting that early intervention not only saves lives but also lessens the impact of advanced cancer treatment. Dr. Jalaluddin Akbar KC, Professor and Head, Surgical

Oncology, YMCH and Dr. M Hasan Sarfaraz, Vice Principal, Yenepoya Dental College were the guests of honor. Dr. Imran Pasha, Reader, Department of Public Health Dentistry provided an overview of the World Cancer Day program and introduced the release of the 2024 newsletter. 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. Rachana R Prabhu, Additional Professor, Oral Medicine & Radiology and Dr. Imran Pasha M, Reader, Department of Public Health Dentistry) delivered the lectures on Cervical, Breast, Oral and Cancer in General to the Students.

### **Organizing committee**

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