

**Speech of the Hon'ble Governor of Assam Prof.Jagdish
Mukhi on the occasion of a Book Release function
'PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE OF ONCOLOGY'**

Respected Health Minister of Assam, Sri Keshab Mahanta ji,
Director, Tata Memorial Centre, Mumbai Dr. R. A. Badwe ji,
Director, Dr. B Boroaoh Cancer Institute, Dr. Amal Chandra Kataki ji,
Dr. Rakesh Jalali from Apollo Proton Cancer Centre; Chennai;
Dr. Arvind Krishnamurthy from Adyar Cancer Institute, Chennai;
Vice Chancellors and Directors from various institutions;
Faculties of BBCI, invited guests, ladies and gentlemen.

Namaskar,

At the very outset, I extend you a hearty welcome to Raj Bhavan, Guwahati. I take this opportunity to congratulate Dr. Amal Chandra Kataki, Director of Dr. B. Borooah Cancer Institute for bringing out the book 'Principles and Practice of Oncology' as Editor.

I am very happy to learn that this book has been published by Dr. B. Borooah Cancer Institute in a very impressive way to commemorate 75 Years of India's Independence.

I am also aware that Pre-Release First Copy of the Book was presented to the Hon'ble Vice President of India Sri M Venkaiah Naidu ji on 7th Dec 2021 at New Delhi who has greatly appreciated the endeavour.

There has been significant changes in the paradigm of Cancer diagnosis and treatment in the world. Dr B Borooah Cancer Institute being one of the oldest cancer centres has immensely contributed to the prevention, early detection, treatment and palliation of cancer in the North Eastern Region. I am very happy that the Department of Atomic Energy, Govt. of India has taken over the Institute as a unit of Tata Memorial Centre, Mumbai in 2017 and steps have been initiated for massive infrastructure upgradation. I have been also informed that at the initiative of the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji , the Department of Atomic Energy and Tata Memorial Centre is going to screen 2 lakh women for common cancer in Kamrup District of Assam with the help of Dr B Borooah Cancer Institute as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mohatsav celebration.

There is paucity of medical text books published by Indian writers. Director, BBCI Dr Kataki and his fellow colleagues embarked on a vision to bring out a book to enrich the knowledge in the field of oncology throughout the country and beyond. The Institute is already conducting post-graduate and super specialty courses in various disciplines of Oncology. This book will also benefit students and practicing clinicians across the country. I am also informed that to commemorate this book release ceremony, BBCI will start 'Beyond the Horizon – Guest Lecture Series in Oncology' starting from today. I congratulate Dr Rakesh

Jalali, Apollo Proton Cancer Centre, Chennai; Dr Arvind Krishnamurthy, Professor & Head of Surgical Oncology, Adyar Cancer Institute, Chennai; Dr Lalit Kumar, Head of NCI-India, AIIMS, New Delhi who are going to deliver guest lecture on various topics of importance.

Tata Memorial Centre, Mumbai has played a very important role in service, education and research in Oncology. I am extremely thankful to Prof. R A Badwe, Director, Tata Memorial Centre, Mumbai for taking his time out to be present on this auspicious occasion. I am sure Dr Badwe will extend all possible helps to Dr B Borooah Cancer Institute to give succour to humanity.

Friends, a whole lot of work is being done in the field of oncology. Advance researches are being carried out. New medical innovations and state of the art treatment have really enhanced success rate and brought down the mortality rate in cancer. I once again appreciate Director, BBCI Dr Katakai and his team for bringing out this book. I at the same time urge upon the oncologists and research scientists to work on more books of cancer to educate people how to detect cancer in the early stage, how to check its recurrence, healthy life style etc.

During the Covid pandemic, the Govt. of Assam under the leadership of Chief Minister Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma and Health Minister Sri Keshab Mahanta has played an important role to minimize loss of life and maximise immunization coverage. As a

result, Assam is in a very good condition to negotiate with the fatality of the virus.

Lastly, I once again congratulate Dr Katakai and his team on bringing out this textbook which I am told is the first of its kind in the entire North Eastern Region.

I once again thank all of you for your presence in the book release ceremony.

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