

**Assam Governor stresses on awareness to reduce fatality of cancer**

**Guwahati, September 30:** Assam Governor Prof. Jagdish Mukhi said of late though the prevalence of cancer cases is increasing, early detection and adequate awareness help to reduce fatality of cancer.

Speaking at a cancer awareness campaign held at the Durbar Hall of Raj Bhavan here today, Governor Prof. Mukhi said that in view of high level of research and development, the clinical treatment of cancer received a shot in its arm. However, he said that early detection and adequate awareness helps to reduce the fatality of cancer.

Governor Prof. Mukhi said that a woman is the pillar on which the entire family stands. He, therefore, asked the mother of the family to take a lead to educate her family so that the family members gain knowledge to know the early signs of cancer and empower themselves against cancer.

The Governor also said that mothers should take the lead in raising the living standard of the family and lead a healthy life so that cancer cells can not attack a healthy body. He also stressed on healthy life style, regular exercise, abstaining from smoking and alcohol.

Dr. Srabana Mishra Bhagavati, Associate Professor Department of Preventive Oncology of Dr. B. Borooah Cancer Institute spoke on cancer in general, Dr. Gaurav Das of Dr. B. Borooah Cancer Institute spoke on Breast cancer, Dr. Dhiraj Das of Deepsikha spoke on oral cancer, Dr. Monalisha Goswami of Deepsikha spoke on life style and cancer, Dr. Mrinmoyee Baruah, Secretary Deepsikha Foundation also spoke on the occasion.

The cancer aware camp organised by Raj Bhavan, Assam in association with Deepsikha Foundation and Dr. B. Borooah Cancer Institute witnessed the attendance of a large number of women. On the occasion, Executive Director of IOCL S. Manchanda handed over a cheque worth Rs. 37 lakh to the Governor who in turn handed over the cheque to D. B. Borooah Cancer Institute for the construction of an additional operation theatre in the institute campus. First lady of the State Smt. Prem Mukhi, secretary to the Governor Sanjib Gohian Baruah and other officers and staff of Raj Bhavan along with others were present at the meeting.

The Governor also launched Breast Cancer Awareness Month which will run from 1 to 31 October.

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