

# DEPARTMENT OF MICROBIOLOGY

## WORLD CANCER DAY

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World Cancer Day is a global healthcare event for the awareness of cancer, which has been commemorated on February 4th of every year for the past 23 years (since 2000) with the aim of spreading awareness and educating people about its detection, treatment, and prevention.

On this day, people from various international and local organisations all over the world unite to raise awareness about cancer and the need for better screening, diagnostic tools, earlier diagnosis and advanced treatment options.

### World Cancer Day 2023 Theme :

This year 2023, the World Cancer Day theme is "Close the Care Gap," which is a continuation of the 2022 theme and will last till 2024 (a 3-year campaign) with specified objectives for each year. It was expected that there would be more exposure and engagement in a multi-year campaign, as well as more opportunities to raise global awareness and have an impact.

Cervical cancer is cancer that starts in the cells of the cervix. The cervix is the lower, narrow end of the uterus (womb). The cervix connects the uterus to the vagina (birth canal). Cervical cancer usually develops slowly over time.

In India, cervical cancer is the second most common form of cancer in women between 15 and 44. As per reports, 1,22,844 women are diagnosed with cervical cancer every year in India. Moreover, 67,477 women die from cervical cancer in India every year.

**ACTIVITY :** Students actively participated in bringing awareness about cervical cancer especially on this cancer day. Students gave information about how to maintain proper hygiene during menstrual cycle and also gave information about vaccination for cervical cancer.

