

Malabar Cancer Centre, Thalassery

Department of Community Oncology

Activities for the month of November 2011

1. First follow up visit of comprehensive school based tobacco control project was held on 4th November. 13 schools were visited. IEC materials were distributed.
2. Preliminary discussion on cancer control program of Thikkodi gramapanchayath was held on 5-11-11.
3. 10-11-11.Peralassery panchayath cancer control program; training of volunteers:A volunteer training program was conducted at peralassery gramapanchayath for volunteers selected for the house to house survey. About 100 volunteers participated. Dr Neethu and Dr Phinse conducted the classes. 4 camps were decided on 5th, 6th, 8th, 9th of December.



4. Cancer awareness class at St Peters school,Chalil for parents of school students . classes were handled by Dr Neethu. Program was arranged by British pharmaceuticals.



5. Meeting of Kannur district panchayath omprehensive cancer control program was held at jilla panchayath office on 14th November. Meeting was attended by Dr satheeshan .B,Dr Phinse,Mr Padmakumar.
6. 2nd meeting of anti tobacco cell held at MCC on 15 th November at 2pm. The activities for the next 2 months were planned. They included 2 training program for NSS, NCC cadets



7. Press meeting at press club, Thalassery on 16th November about the activities of anti tobacco cell especially regarding the mass memorandum signed by school children against tobacco and the submission of the same to the district collector.
8. On November 17th, as the first activity of anti tobacco cell a huge memorandum signed by 12,000 school students was presented to the Hon'ble Collector at the Collector's Chamber.

School students handed over the memorandum and spoke to the Collector regarding sale of tobacco in the school premises and usage of tobacco products by students. Collector promised to take necessary action and urged students to form a Science club in the school and take upper hand in tobacco control programmes.

One of the patients from Malabar Cancer Centre shared his experience and expressed his concern about usage of tobacco among school children. He also humbly requested the collector to take necessary actions against tobacco sale. Ramachandran master handed over a letter to collector requesting his patronage and suggestions for the cell. Dr Neethu A.P., Dr Phinse M. Philip of Community Oncology deptMCC, Mr Padmakumar AOCS, Mr Dayanandan, Chalakkara Purushu, K.K. Dasan, school students, Mr santhosh participated in the programme. There was good media coverage for the programme. Programme was aired in all local channels & Surya T.V. There was a press conference relating to this programme on 16.11.2011.



9. Anti tobacco campaign at Pattayam higher secondary school on 23-11-11. Around 400 students participated and three sessions were conducted. Classes were conducted by Dr Neethu, Dr Phinse.



10. Cervical cancer screening program at district hospital Kanhangad on 24th Nov. No. of smears taken is 75.
11. Inauguration of the district panchayath cancer and life style disease control at jilla panchayath, Kannur. The project “Aswas” was inaugurated by hon. Health minister Adoor Prakash. The meeting was attended by Dr Satheesan B and Dr Phinse.
12. Cancer awareness class and camp at Kutiyamu hall thalassery on 26th November. The program was organized by MSS. Dr neethu conducted the awareness class. Dr Neethu and Dr Phinse conducted the camp. 10 pap smears were taken.



13. Cancer control project at Thikkodi. training of volunteers were conducted by Dr Neethu and Dr Phinse. the program was inaugurated by Thikkodi Panchayath president. Around 50 volunteers participated in the program.



14. NCC, NSS students one day training in tobacco control. 5 schools from thalassery region participated at the camp held at St Josephs hss thalassry. members of the anti tobacco cell were present at the meeting. 120 students representatives participated.



15. NCC, NSS students one day training in tobacco control. 10 schools from Mahe region participated at the camp held at VPGHSS pallor. members of the anti tobacco cell were present at the meeting. 154 students representatives were participated. Classes were handled by Dr Neethu, Dr Phinse.

