

Brainstorming Meeting on Cancer Research with the State Cancer Institute, GMCH held at State Cancer Institute on 22nd April, 2019

An interactive/ brainstorming meeting to formulate collaborative project proposals on Cancer Research was jointly organized by Dr. B C Goswami, Director, State Cancer Institute, GMCH and Dr. B G Unni, Director Research, Assam down town University at Conference Room, State Cancer Institute, Gauhati Medical College and Hospital (GMCH) on 22nd April, 2019 at 10.30 a.m. to finalize a multi institutional project on Cancer research. The senior faculties/ officials from State Cancer Institute, Assam down town University and NGO (Doctors for you) represented by **Dr. B C Goswami** (Director, SCI), **Dr. B G Unni** (Director Research, AdtU), **Prof. K Bhuyan** (Superintendent I/C, SCI), **Dr. Mridul Kr. Sarma** (State Cancer Institute), **Dr. Rupjyoti Borthakur** (State Cancer Institute), **Dr. Manash Pratim Sarma** (Assam down town University), **Mr. Nishan Kakati** (Assam down town University) and **Mr. Sunny Borgohain** (Doctors For You (NGO) respectively were attended the meeting.



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At the meeting the title of the collaborative project proposals was finalized as “**Outreach Programme for Creating Awareness and Sensitization about Cancer: “NE-CAN”**”. The project proposals formulated at the meeting will be submitted by State Cancer Institute jointly with Assam down town University. The meeting discussed about the formulation of the project proposal that benefit among tribal, rural and urban communities as a whole and provide a great impact in our society. **Dr. B C Goswami** explained about the common types of cancers and mentioned about spreading awareness which helps people to recognize the early signs and symptoms of cancer, thus enabling them to seek treatment at an early stage which will directly contribute towards better prognosis. He asked the faculties of the State Cancer Institute to create a strong project team to work on tight deadlines related to submission of the project to DST and other funding bodies. **Dr. B G Unni**, Director Research mentioned about the incidence of cancer which is increasing

rapidly day by day in the North East Region such as Breast cancer, Cervical cancer, Oral and Lung cancers etc. He also mentioned about biological characteristics that are objectively measured and evaluated to predict the course of a disease or a response to a therapeutic intervention among cancer patients with the same characteristic. The meeting also discussed about collaborative research will be undertaken by all the participating institutions such as IIT Guwahati, Tezpur University, and Doctors For You (NGO) and these research projects will be coordinated by State Cancer Institute, GMCH jointly with Assam down town University.

Dr. Manash Pratim Sarma mentioned about core areas of treatment of cancer, identification and application of biomarkers and devices for early detection of cancers, and identification of factors associated with familial cancers in North-East India. He also mentioned about the aim of this project is to evaluate the use of questionnaires as a form of enquiry into the individual experience of cancer patients and as a possible guide to support processes. The general background to the work is an initiative to develop research into patients counselling and psychological support, within which the project starts to address the systematic understanding of cancer patients needs and concerns.

The brain storming session discussed that Dr. B C Goswami, Director, SCI and Dr. Manash pratim Sarma, Assam down town University will be the coordinators of the project to be submitted to DST, Govt. of India for funding after all official formalities.

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