



The Goa Cancer Society

A Hope to Cope with Cancer...



ANNUAL REPORT
FY 2023-24 & FY 2024-25

The Managing Committee



Shri Shrinivas V. Dempo - Honorary-President

A third generation entrepreneur, Mr. Dempo is the Chairman of Goa's leading business house-Dempo's. Has been the President of Goa Cancer Society since the year 2000.



Dr. Suresh B. Shetye - Honorary-Vice-President

A master of Dental surgery, Dr. Shetye is practicing Dentistry & Orthodontics for the last 61 years. He received the LIFE TIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD at the 57th Indian Orthodontic Conference at Meerut by the Indian Orthodontic Society in 2023.



Dr. Mahesh Naik - Honorary Secretary

M.S(BOM),FAGE(MAN), Senior Consultant in Surgery, Ex. Professor at MAHE, Ex-President IMA Bardez, Practicing General Surgeon, Oncosurgeon & GI Endoscopist for last 44 years.



Dr. Shekhar Salkar - Honorary Jt-Secretary
MS, FICS (Onco).

Presently President of Note India, Senior Consultant Surgical Oncologist & Chief Oncology Dept. Manipal Hospital, Goa and Jt.Secretary of Goa Cancer Society.



Dr. Ramesh Bhonsle - Honorary-Treasurer

A specialist in dental medicine BDS(Bom). He worked for 25 years for Basic Dental Research Unit of Tata Institute of Fundamental Research. He also worked in Manipal Hospital as a dental consultant for 20 years.

Other Honorary Members

Prof. Bhaskar Nayak	Shri. Sandip Naik
Prof. Subhash Vellingkar	Smt. Pallavi S.Dempo
Dr. K. Deepak Murthy	Shri. Mahadev(Manoj) Caculo
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Dr. Sitakant Ghanekar	Smt. Andrea Maganlal

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Condolences



Dr.Heman Yashwant Karapurkar
12th August 1935 to 12th September 2025

Born on 12th August 1935, Dr. Karapurkar served with distinction as the Director of Agriculture, Goa, for five terms between 1967 and 1992. He became a valued member of the Goa Cancer Society on 26th September 1975 and was elected to its Managing Committee on 12th April 1987, a position he held with dedication for over three decades.

His insightful suggestions and wisdom contributed immensely to shaping the vital decisions and policies of the Society. His passing is a profound loss, and we extend our heartfelt condolences on the departure of such a remarkable and committed individual. His legacy will be remembered with gratitude and respect for his unwavering dedication to the growth and prosperity of the Society.



About the Goa Cancer Society

The Goa Cancer Society (GCS) was founded on 28th October 1968 at Swami Vivekananda Hall, Panaji. Established as an independent charity, GCS was formally registered under the Societies Registration Act of 1860 on 23rd October 1969. It is a voluntary, non-profit organisation dedicated to service, education, and treatment in pursuit of its commitment to the global fight against cancer.

Late Shri D. B. Bandothkar, the first Chief Minister of Goa, Daman & Diu, served as the Founder Chairman of the Goa Cancer Society.

On 1st January 1972, Dr. G. S. Pathak, the then Vice-President of India, laid the foundation stone for the Society's first building.

Subsequently, on 22nd May 1977, Shri S. K. Bannerjee, the then Lt. Governor of Goa, Daman & Diu, unveiled the plaque marking the cornerstone of the Goa Cancer Society Hospital, which was then opened to the public.

All formalities, including naming the Society and drafting its Articles of Association, Rules and Regulations, were duly completed prior to registration.



President's Message

It gives me great pride to present the Annual Report of The Goa Cancer Society for FY 2023–24 and FY 2024–25. For over five decades, our Society has worked with dedication and purpose to reduce the burden of cancer and support patients in their journey with dignity and care. This mission has been strengthened by the trust, commitment, and support of our donors, volunteers, medical professionals, partner institutions, and well-wishers.

Over the last two years, we have continued to deepen and expand the reach of our programmes. The Financial Assistance Programme remains at the heart of our service, ensuring that no individual in need of treatment is denied help due to financial constraints. Our long-standing partnership with Manipal Hospitals plays a pivotal role in this effort, and we remain grateful for their continued collaboration and shared vision.

Early detection remains essential in improving cancer outcomes. Through the

Cancer Screening Packages introduced under the Dr. Sharad Vaidya initiative and through community-based cancer detection camps, we continue to strengthen awareness and encourage timely screening. Equally important has been our work in palliative care and emotional support. Our collaboration with IMA Ponda Charitable Trust's Dilasa project has enabled compassionate end-of-life care and our counselling programme has offered emotional resilience, clarity, and comfort to patients and caregivers navigating uncertainty.

We also reflect with pride on our earlier collaboration with the Make-A-Wish Foundation, through which we were able to fulfill heartfelt wishes for children undergoing cancer treatment creating moments of joy, dignity, and hope. These memories continue to inspire our ongoing commitment to compassionate care.

Our academic and medical collaborations—including with medical bodies across Goa-



through Continuing Medical Education sessions ensure that healthcare professionals remain updated with advancements in cancer care, elevating standards of treatment and awareness across the state. Our support for cancer research further reflects our belief that progress in science is central to progress in care.

None of these accomplishments would have been possible without the compassion and dedication of clinicians, volunteers, benefactors and partnered institutions who continue to stand with us in service of this cause.

As we look ahead, our priority remains clear: to extend our reach, strengthen

prevention and early detection, support research, and continue building partnerships that amplify impact. We remain committed to fostering a future where access to cancer care is inclusive, timely and grounded in dignity and hope.

On behalf of The Goa Cancer Society, I express my deep gratitude to every individual and organisation united in this mission. Together, we continue to bring strength, comfort and healing to countless lives.

Thank you,

Mr. Shrinivas V. Dempo

President

The Goa Cancer Society

Journey so far...

The Goa Cancer Society (GCS) began its Monthly News Bulletin in February 1974. Entirely self-financed through advertisements and subscriptions, the Bulletin served as an effective two-way communication channel between the Society and its Members.

On 28th February 1976, Dr. Karan Singh, Union Minister of Health and Family Planning, visited the Cancer Hospital at Dona Paula.

The Goa Cancer Society's Hospital at Dona Paula was formally inaugurated on 22nd May 1977 by Shri S. K. Bannerjee, Governor of Goa, Daman and Diu, with Late Smt. Shashikala Kakodkar, former Chief Minister of Goa, Daman and Diu, presiding over the function.

From 6th to 8th October 1977, the Honorary Secretary, Dr. S. G. Vaidya, visited New Delhi to discuss potential research projects of the Goa Cancer Society with the World Health Organization and initiated negotiations for collaborative studies with the International Agency for Research on Cancer.

The Cobalt Unit, generously donated by the Government of India, was inaugurated on 23rd October 1977 by Patron Member and film star Shri Shashi Kapoor. He also contributed Rs. 1,00,000/- in memory of his

late parents. In recognition of his support, the Society conferred upon him the title of Madame Marie Curie Fellow of the Goa Cancer Society.

Despite financial challenges over the years, the Society continued to actively pursue cancer awareness initiatives at both national and international levels.

In 1992, GCS entered into a long-term lease collaboration with Manipal Hospital -Goa. In the year 2000, Shri. Shrinivas Dempo was elected President of the Society. Under his dynamic leadership, GCS launched several initiatives to support cancer-related medical activities.

Activities From 2014 Onwards

1. Dr. Sharad Vaidya Cancer Screening Package (Subsidized)

A cancer screening package offered at concessional rates:

- ♦ Available annually during February–March from 2014–15 to 2017–18, benefiting 821 individuals at Manipal Hospital.
- ♦ From 30th October 2018, it became a year-round facility. Between 2018 and 2025, a total of 2,800 individuals availed of this package.

Journey so far...

2. Financial Assistance Scheme with Manipal Hospital, Goa

Since 2014, GCS has been providing financial assistance for cancer treatment in collaboration with Manipal Hospital. Over 600 patients have benefited from this scheme to date.

3. Financial Assistance to Patients from Other Hospitals

Since 2016–17, GCS has extended financial aid to cancer patients seeking treatment in hospitals other than Manipal Hospital. From 2016–17 to 2024–25, a total of 63 patients have been supported.

4. DILASA Project – Centre for the Terminally Ill (Farmagudi, Ponda)

Managed by the IMA Ponda Charitable Trust and inaugurated on 22nd December 2018.

- ◆ GCS contributed a corpus donation of Rs. 20 lakhs to sponsor four rooms (two five-bed rooms, one rest room for patient relatives, and one medical store room).
- ◆ The Society conducts cancer detection camps and CMEs to provide ongoing support.
- ◆ Since 2020–21, GCS has provided financial assistance to 92 terminally ill patients at the DILASA Centre.

5. Research Projects – Funding and Support

GCS allocates Rs. 5 lakhs annually to encourage cancer-related research by doctors and scholars from Goa and across India.

To date, 10 researchers have been supported, and Rs. 30 lakhs has been sanctioned.

Beneficiaries include:

1. Dr. Anupama Mukharjee – Goa Dental College & Hospital
2. Dr. Shameer Ahmed – BITS Pilani, Goa
3. Dr. Angshuman Sarkar – BITS Pilani, Goa
4. Dr. Manjeeta Dhume – Goa Dental College & Hospital
5. Dr. Archana PG – Goa Dental College & Hospital
6. Dr. Aneesh – Goa Dental College & Hospital
7. Akansha Sartardekar – Scholar, BITS Pilani Goa
8. Dr. Geethu Prasad – Goa Dental College & Hospital
9. Prof. Vijayshree Nayak – BITS Pilani Goa
10. Dr. Kanchan Sharma – Goa Dental College & Hospital

6. Annual Lecture Series

From 2014 onwards, GCS has organised

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eight Annual Lectures for the general public and medical professionals, delivered by leading oncologists and cancer specialists:

- ♦ **2014:** Padmashree Dr. Ramakant K.Deshpande-Myths & Realities
- ♦ **2015:** Dr. Mandar Nadkarni-Breast Cancer
- ♦ **2016:** Prof. (Dr.) Jayant S. Vaidya - Evolution of Cancer Treatment
- ♦ **2017:** Dr. Anil D'Cruz - What is New in Head & Neck Cancer Management
- ♦ **2018:** Dr. Rajesh Mistry - Let's Talk Cancer
- ♦ **2020:** Dr. Mohandas K. Mallath - Growing Burden of Cancer in India
- ♦ **2022:** Dr. Shashikant Aapte - Bone Marrow Transplant
- ♦ **2023:** Dr. Anita Borges - Cancer: A Continuing Conundrum

7. Cancer Detection Camps

Since 2014, GCS has conducted 30 cancer detection camps across rural and remote areas of Goa.

8. Make-A-Wish Foundation Collaboration

GCS collaborates with Make-A-Wish Foundation India to fulfil wishes of children battling cancer.

To date, around 71 wishes have been fulfilled, with gifts such as laptops, bicycles, toys, and tablets.

9. Free Clinical Counseling

GCS has commenced free clinical counselling support for cancer patients and their care givers and we are getting good response.

The Goa Cancer Society is a registered organisation with 12A, 80G, DARPAN, and CSR certifications, enabling it to effectively continue its mission of supporting cancer care, awareness, and research.

Major Programs of “The Goa Cancer Society”

Highlights of Activities (FY 2023–24 & 2024–25)

Over the past two financial years, The Goa Cancer Society continued to strengthen its commitment to cancer care, awareness, and patient support across the state. The Society undertook several impactful initiatives that touched lives through education, screening, treatment assistance, counselling, and research.

Key highlights include:

□ **Financial Support :**

The Society expanded financial assistance schemes for patients seeking treatment across partner hospitals including Manipal Hospital, Goa Medical College and others. Monthly support was extended to patients undergoing treatment helping ease their medical and emotional burden.

□ **Cancer Screening & Early Detection:**

Under the Dr. Sharad Vaidya Cancer Screening Programme, hundreds of individuals were screened, with a focus on accessibility and affordability for the general community.

□ **Annual Lectures**

Annual Lecture series were conducted, featuring eminent oncologists and specialists.

□ **Educational Initiatives & CMEs:**

Continuing medical education sessions were conducted. These sessions helped empower medical practitioners with updated knowledge in cancer care, diagnostics and treatment.

□ **Counselling & Emotional Support Services:**

The Society launched a dedicated counselling programme that became operational at both the GCS office and Manipal Hospital. This initiative ensured that cancer patients and caregivers received psychological and emotional support during their treatment journey.

□ **Research Support:**

Recognising the importance of advancing knowledge, the Society sponsored research projects to enhance cancer care outcomes and promote evidence-based practices.

Major Programs of “The Goa Cancer Society”

□ **Make-A-Wish Foundation Collaboration:**

In collaboration with Make-A-Wish Foundation India, the Society fulfilled cherished wishes of children undergoing cancer treatment - such as gifting bicycles, computers and educational materials - bringing hope and joy to young patients and their families.

□ **Palliative care:**

The Society has extended palliative care support to terminal ill cancer patients in association with DILASA-IMA Ponda Charitable Trust.



Dilasa - Centre for Terminally ill

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I. Financial Assistance Programme

The Financial Assistance Programme remains one of the most impactful initiatives of The Goa Cancer Society, ensuring that patients battling cancer receive timely medical support irrespective of their financial constraints. In partnership with Manipal Hospitals, Goa, this scheme has been operational since 2014 and continues to serve as a lifeline for patients undergoing cancer treatment. Under this joint initiative, the financial sanction is shared equally between the Society and the hospital, demonstrating a strong model of collaborative, compassionate care.

Over the past decade, this programme has supported more than 600 patients, offering them not only financial relief but also hope and dignity during one of the most challenging phases of their lives.

During the Financial Year 2023–24, the Society supported 76 patients (49 women and 27 men).

In the Financial Year 2024–25, this support further expanded, benefitting 91 patients (59 women and 32 men).

II) Financial Assistance to patients from other Hospitals

The Society also provided financial assistance to patients receiving treatment at

other healthcare institutions, ensuring wider access to support.

In FY 2023–24, 11 patients (9 women and 2 men) were assisted.

In FY 2024–25, 9 patients (5 women and 4 men) were supported.

These beneficiaries were primarily from Goa Medical College (GMC), Menezes Hospital – Margao, Tata Memorial Hospital – Mumbai, Healthway Hospital – Panaji and other institutions.

III) Dr. Sharad Vaidya Cancer Screening Package

To strengthen early detection and preventive care, The Goa Cancer Society introduced comprehensive Cancer Screening Packages for Men and Women. These screening profiles integrate clinical evaluations, diagnostic tests, and imaging to facilitate timely identification of cancer and related health conditions.

Nearly 2000 people have availed this facility at Manipal Hospital since the year 2014.

In the FY (2023-24) total of 211 (190 Female & 21 Male) patients used this package.

In the FY (2024-25) total of 246 patients (229 Female & 17 Male) used this package.

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Men's Cancer Screening Package

Tests included:

- PSA
- Complete Blood Count (CBC)
- CA 19-9
- CEA
- Oncology Consultation
- Chest X-ray (PA)
- Ultrasound – Abdomen & Pelvis
- Stool Routine

Women's Cancer Screening Package

Tests included:

- Complete Blood Count (CBC)
- Pap Smear
- Oncology Consultation
- OBG Consultation
- CEA
- CA 19-9
- CA-125
- Mammogram (Both Breasts)
- Chest X-ray (PA)
- Ultrasound – Abdomen & Pelvis
- Stool Routine

IV) DILASA, IMA Ponda Charitable Trust's project Centre for terminally ill, Farmagudi, Ponda.

The Society has made Corpus donation of Rs.20 lakhs to DILASA against sponsor of four rooms (two rooms with five beds, one patient's relative room and one medical store room).

DILASA in return has agreed to promote, support and provide all possible help in the activities like Cancer Detection Camps and Cancer Talks Cancer Camps and CMEs.

In FY (2023-24) the Society has sponsored 20 patients (F-11, M-09) cancer terminal ill cancer patients.

In FY (2024-25) the Society has sponsored 31 patients (F-21, M-10) cancer terminal ill cancer patients.

Each sponsorship reflects more than financial aid - it represents relief from pain, emotional comfort, and the assurance that patients are not alone during the most difficult phase of life. Many families expressed deep gratitude, sharing how this support enabled their loved ones to receive care with dignity and peace.

Activities in association with IMA Ponda Charitable Trust's DILASA

- 1) Awareness session on 10/02/24:-An Awareness session on Prevention and early detection of cancer was delivered by Dr.Santosh Usgaonkar Chairman IMA Ponda Charitable Trust and Dr Pankaj Rajmane Palliative Care Physician at Dilasa Palliative Care Centre and visiting Faculty Professor & Yoga Therapist Mr. Ajay Waikar.

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2) Talk on palliative care on 11/08/ 2024 :- On the Occasion of Continuing Pharmacy Education Program, organised by Goa state Pharmacy council, talk on Palliative was delivered by Dr Vandana Patankar at PES's Rajaram & Tarabai Bhandodkar College of Pharmacy Farmagudi Ponda, and was accompanied by Dr. Pankaj Rajmane from Dilasa Palliative Care Center. The program was done under IMA Ponda Charitable Trust in association with Goa Cancer Society.

3) Talk on palliative care on 13/08/24:-A Talk was delivered by Dr. Vallabh Dhaimodkar at the Function organised by Mr. Jyesta Nagrik Manch at Nana Nani park at Porvorim and accompanied by Dr. Vandana Patankar and Mr. Dinar Mardolkar from Visava. The program was Conducted on behalf of IMA Ponda, IMA Ponda Charitable Trust, Goa Cancer Society and NAPCAIM Dr. Vallabh Dhaimodkar spoke in detail about Palliative Care, Dilasa and Visava. More than 50 Participants attended which included senior citizens, young people and some high school students.

V) Research Projects - Funding and Support

The Society has set aside a sum of Rs. 5 lakhs per annum to encourage research in cancer by the doctors & scholars.



i) **Dr. Geethu Prasad, MDS**, Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology, Goa Dental College & Hospital, Bambolim.

Project Title: “Expression of Gamma and C-Myc as a Predictor of Malignant Transformation in Oral Epithelial Dysplasia – An Immunohistochemical Study”.

The proposed budget for the study was **Rs. 1,67,747/-** (Rupees One Lakh Sixty-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty-Seven Only), of which **Rs. 1,00,000/-** (Rupees One Lakh Only) was sanctioned.

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- ii) **Dr. Jitisha J. Savalkar**, Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology, Goa Dental College & Hospital.

Project Title: “Role of Reverse Warburg Effect in Malignant Transformation of Oral Submucous Fibrosis using LDH-A and MCT-4: An Immunohistochemical Study”.

The proposed budget was **Rs.1,63,130/-** (Rupees One Lakh Sixty-Three Thousand One Hundred and Thirty Only), of which **Rs. 1,00,000/-** (Rupees One Lakh Only) was sanctioned.



- iii) **Ms. Akansha Savardekar**
ICMR Ph.D. Scholar, Department of Biological Sciences, BITS Pilani K. K. Birla Goa Campus.

Project Title: “Study of the Role of Sirtuin and Visfatin Crosstalk and its Role in Adiposity-Associated Endometrial Cancer”.

She was sanctioned the full proposed amount of **Rs. 10,39,500/-** (Rupees Ten Lakh Thirty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Only) for a period of three years – FY 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25.

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- iv) **Ms. Vijayshree Nayak**
Department of Biological Sciences,
BITS Pilani K. K. Birla Goa Campus.

Project Title: “Expression Analysis of TrxR1 and LGR5 and its Downstream Targets in Oral Squamous Cell Carcinoma through Radiosensitization with Piperlongumine – In Vitro and Ex Vivo Study”.

She was sanctioned **Rs. 4,00,000/-** (Rupees Four Lakh Only) for the proposed project over a period of two years – FY 2024-25 and 2025-26.

Research Payments by the Society

- **FY 2023-24:** A total of Rs. 5.5 lakh was disbursed towards two research projects.
- **FY 2024-25:** Research bills amounting to **Rs. 2.5 lakh** for **two projects** have been paid to date.

VI) Annual Lectures

- a) The 8th Annual Lecture and CME of The Goa Cancer Society was held on **Friday, 21st April 2023 at 5:00 PM** at the International Centre Goa, Dona Paula. The event featured **Dr. Anita Borges**, a world-renowned cancer pathologist and Director of the Centre for Onychopathology, Mumbai, the world-renowned cancer pathologist & consultant histopathologist Dr. Anita Borges was the speaker at the event , She is MD (Pathology), FRCPath, at present she is the Director- of Centre for Onychopathology, Wadala, Mumbai , Consultant Histopathologist at S L Raheja Hospital, Mahim, Mumbai. She is also Member of the National Accreditation Board for Testing & Calibrating laboratories, India. Chairperson of the Advisory Committee for Medical Labs, NABL. as the keynote speaker.

The program was inaugurated by **Shri Shrinivas V. Dempo**, President of the Society, along with Dr. Anita Borges, Dr. Mahesh Naik (Secretary) and Dr. Shekhar Salkar (Joint Secretary). Several executive committee members and the Dilasa team were present. The speaker was felicitated with a silver plaque.

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From left to right-Dr. Mahesh Naik-Secretary ,Mr. Shrinivas V. Dempo-President, Dr. Anita Borges-Speaker and Dr. Shekhar Salkar-Jt. Secretary

In his address, Shri Dempo highlighted the Society's ongoing efforts in cancer care, including financial assistance, screening programs, research initiatives and collaborations with Make-A-Wish, Dilasa and Manipal Hospital.

Dr. Anita Borges delivered an insightful lecture titled "**Cancer – A Continuing Conundrum**", focusing on evolving concepts in cancer biology, the role of genetics and environment, and how emerging discoveries are transforming cancer treatment.

The CME session, titled "**Beware, Zebra Crossing**", covered case discussions on uncommon tumor presentations across various organ systems, emphasizing the value of clinical and radiological correlation.

Dr. Mahesh Naik compered the program and proposed the vote of thanks, acknowledging the speaker, dignitaries, executive members, Dr. Francis Couto for coordination, Manipal Hospital for logistical support and the delegates for their participation.

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VII) Cancer Detection Camps

1). Dr. Shekhar Salkar along with Dr. Ketan Bhatikar & others took the initiative to organize a Cancer Detection Camp on 07/07/2024 supported by Jamait ul Muslamin Ponda, Indian Medical Association, Ophthalmic Cell of DHS, Manipal Hospital Goa, and Prasad Netralaya. This successful health camp witnessed enthusiastic participation from over 114 beneficiaries, including 94 women and 20 men from various walks of life, all keen to benefit from the health services provided.

A total of 82 out of the 94 ladies underwent Thermalytix no-touch breast screening, a method based on computer-aided artificial intelligence and machine learning, making it a very user-friendly screening technique. Out of these 82 tests, three ladies require further evaluation. Additionally, 97 patients were screened for eye health. Out of these, 70 needed spectacles, and five were detected with cataracts. All beneficiaries underwent blood sugar and BP checks, evaluations by doctors, eye check-ups with an auto refractor, and Thermalytix breast screening. Present on the occasion were Dr. Shekhar Salkar, a noted oncosurgeon; Dr. Sredharan, an oncosurgeon specialized in thoracic and pediatric cancers; Dr. Medha Salkar, Chief Medical Officer (Ophthalmic Cell) Directorate of Health Services; and Dr.

Ketan Bhatikar, along with all the office bearers of Jamait ul Muslamin. Dr. Priyanka Furtado and Dr. Rakhi Malkar examined all the ladies. Ms. Kiran and her team conducted blood tests, and Ms. Vidyashree, Ms. Nagamani, and Mr. Niraj S. carried out breast screenings using Thermalytix.

In his address to the ladies, Dr. Shekhar Salkar stressed the "early diagnosis saves lives". concept and appealed to the ladies to come for check-ups early. He also emphasized the need to stay away from alcohol and tobacco, drink plenty of water, eat leafy vegetables, and stay fit.

2). Dr. Shekhar Salkar along with Manipal Hospital & Lions Club of Bicholim organised another Cancer Screening Camp on 21/07/2024

On July 21, 2024, the Lions Club of Bicholim, in collaboration with Manipal Hospital Goa and The Goa Cancer Society, successfully hosted a breast cancer screening camp at the Hirabai Zantye Hall in Bicholim. This initiative aimed to offer essential health services to the local community, emphasizing the importance of early detection in the fight against breast cancer.

The event served as a vital opportunity for women in the area to access crucial health screenings, raising awareness about breast

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cancer and its prevention. The camp not only provided medical check-ups but also created a supportive environment for women to discuss their health concerns and seek guidance.

The camp saw a commendable turnout of 35 women, reflecting a strong interest in cancer screening within the community. Among those screened, 2 women tested positive and were promptly advised to undergo further evaluation, highlighting the camp's effectiveness in identifying potential health issues early on.

VIII) CME:- Continuing Medical Education (CME) sessions are organised by Dr. Mahesh Naik. These CMEs are attended by doctors from across Goa. Renowned physicians and oncologists are invited as speakers to share their expertise and update participants on the latest advancements in medicine and cancer care. Over the past two years, a total of 22 CME sessions have been conducted, and the feedback from participants has been extremely positive.



Dr. Mahesh Naik with Dr. Amol Mahaldar

**Continuous Medical Education Sessions –
The Goa Cancer Society - FY (2023-24) & FY (2024- 25)**

Date	Topics	Speakers
02/02/24	FRAILITY in Oncology, Geriatrics & Dialysis DIURETICS Update & Indapamide Clinical use	Dr. Edwin Gomes Dr. Milind Naik
23/02/24	Pharmacovigilance in Oncology FINERENONE Evidence & Clinical use	Dr. Padmanabh Rataboli Dr. Raisha Fernandes
14/03/24	Hyperuricemia Acute Kidney Injury and Cancer treatment	Dr. Raghoba Gaonkar Dr. Amol Mahaldar
30/03/24	Clinical studies of Cannabis in Cancer Cannabidiol-Loaded Nanocarriers and their Therapeutic Applications	Dr. Gunjan Bajjal Dr. Rucha Patil
13/04/24	Fracture Femur Management Prevention of Fracture	Dr. Deepchand Bhandare Dr. Ana Soraya Monteiro
17/05/24	Dyspepsia Clinical Manifestation GERD Update on treatment Cytopathology in GI Practice	Dr. Mahadev Pokle Dr. Bodda Venkata Sriram Dr. Brizellida D'cunha
14/06/24	Basics of Histopathology & Immunohistochemistry Utility of Rapid Processing Diagnostic Tests in Time Constraint setting Treatment of H Pylori-GERD update	Dr. Shanta Kudale Dr. Brizellida D'cunha Dr. B.V. Sriram
28/06/24	Repaglinide & Voglibose Pharmacology Cancer & Diabetes there is a link Sick Child & Diabetes Management	Dr. Amol Mahaldar Dr. Vikram Dalvi Dr. Anshula Tayal
12/07/24	NEBIVOLOL Update Psychological support for cancer patient Anaesthesia in Cathlab	Dr. Jyoti Kusnur Maraith Lobo Dr. Divya Chandran Mahadar

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Date	Topics	Speakers
19/07/24	Diabetic Neuropathy Diabetic Retinopathy VATS in Lung Cancer Infection control in dialysis	Dr. Parul Dubey Dr. Kaushik Dhume Dr. Shreedharan Dr. Suprita Pai
26/07/24	Acute Fulminant Liver Failure Anaesthesia for Cancer Surgery	Dr. Parul Dubey Dr. Kaushik Dhume
03/08/24	Advances in Heart Failure Cervical Cancer & HPV Vaccination	Dr. Nikhil Sontakke Dr. Pankaj Mhatre
09/08/24	Approach to Endoscopic Spine Surgery Understanding Bone Tumours-Benign & Cancerous	Dr. Sunny Kamat Dr. Dipchand Bhandare
20/09/24	Weight of Diabetes: Treat the Trinity First in class: Oral Semaglutide PET SCAN & Cancer	Dr. Vaibhav Dukle Dr. Amol Mahaldar Dr. Pankaj Mhatre
08/11/24	Managing infections of CKD Malaria & AKI Radiation safety to prevent Cancer	Dr. Amol Mahaldar Dr. Devki Dalvi Sundaram Narayanan
29/11/24	SGLIT Simplified Dapagliflozin Understanding Midodrine Role of external beam radiotherapy and brachytherapy Ca cervix	Dr. Vaibhav Dukle Dr. Amol Mahaldar Dr. Sujoy Fernandes
27/12/24	Approach to Lymphoma & Basics in BMT Radiation therapy in Ca Prostate new Paradigm	Dr. Mahadeva Swamy Dr. Sujoy Fernandes
24/01/25	Anaemia of Chronic kidney disease (CKD) Update in treatment of Chemotherapy and cancer induced Anaemia Iron deficiency Anaemia	Dr. Amol Mahaldar Dr. Jacob George Dr. Mahadev Swamy

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Date	Topics	Speakers
15/02/25	Update on PROTON PUMP Inhibitors MINIMAL INVASIVE SURGERY in Cancer	Dr. Jacob George Dr. Mahadev Swamy
20/02/25	Preventing DKD with SGLTi Update on Brain Tumours	Dr. Hardik Patel Dr. Omkar Churi
11/03/25	Sudden Cardiac Death: Pathophysiology and Management Leadless Pacemaker: a newer technology Frozen section in Cancer	Dr. J Anthony Gomes Dr. Sabhyasachi Mukhopadhaya Dr. Shanta Kudale
28/03/25	Thromboprophylaxis in Orthopedic Surgery Cancer & Body Cavity Cytology	Dr. Sushanth B. Mummigatti Dr. Brizelda D'cunha

Summary

- **FY 2023–2024:**
A total of 4 Continuing Medical Education (CME) sessions were conducted during the year.
- **FY 2024–2025:**
During this period, the Society significantly scaled up its academic initiatives by conducting **18 CME sessions.**

These sessions witnessed active participation from medical professionals across Goa and focused on diverse topics aimed at strengthening clinical skills and improving cancer awareness.

CMEs



IX). Counselling Report: -

GCS has introduced a **free counselling program** for cancer patients and their caregivers, which has shown remarkable success since its launch. The initiative has been well-received, with a steadily increasing number of beneficiaries seeking emotional, psychological, and informational support to cope with the challenges of cancer diagnosis and treatment.

Counselling Services Provided (1st August 2024 to 31 March 2025)

- i. **Manipal Hospital, Goa**
 - **Total Cases Handled: 174**
 - **In-Person Counselling Sessions: 464**
 - **Tele-Counselling Sessions: 117**
- ii. **Goa Cancer Society Office @ Edcon Incrocio, Panjim**
 - **Total Cases Handled: 60**
 - **In-Person Counselling Sessions: 67**
 - **Tele-Counselling Sessions: 20**

Some crucial cases

Case 1: Reconnecting with Meaning – Middle-aged Cervical Cancer Patient

This case involves a middle-aged female diagnosed with cervical cancer. She has been a passionate singer for many years and also identifies as a foodie. Following her diagnosis and the resulting dietary and lifestyle restrictions, she expressed significant emotional distress, particularly

around her inability to enjoy the activities that once brought her joy.

In our counselling sessions, she found a safe, non-judgmental space to vent and process her feelings. Through these conversations, she began to recognize the therapeutic value of expressing herself and gradually identified new insights and emotional strengths emerging from her adversity. She reflected on the lessons her illness was teaching her and began to find renewed meaning in life, despite the physical and emotional challenges she faces.

This case highlights the role of counselling in enhancing emotional well-being, encouraging introspection, and helping patients reconnect with their identity and purpose during cancer treatment.

Case 2: Leaving a Legacy – End-stage Cervical Cancer Patient and Mother of Two

This involves a female patient in her early 40s, diagnosed with end-stage cervical cancer. She is a mother of two young children and is deeply affected by the thought that she may not be present to witness and support her children through key life milestones.

During our emotionally intense counselling sessions, she shared her grief over the future moments she may miss. In response, I suggested the idea of legacy letters—personal messages she could leave behind for her children to read during important life events

such as graduations, marriages, their first jobs, or when they become parents.

The idea brought her a sense of peace and emotional reassurance. However, due to her severe pain and physical limitations, she was unable to write. I offered to assist her by writing the letters as she could dictate them to me. She responded with deep appreciation and a sense of comfort knowing she could leave behind meaningful words for her children, even in her absence. This case emphasizes the importance of addressing the emotional and existential concerns of terminally ill patients and shows how compassionate, personalized interventions can support dignity, legacy-building, and emotional closure at the end of life.

Case 3:

A patient came for counseling carrying the weight of too many heartbreaks at once, her mother diagnosed with cancer, her sister battling the same illness, and even her beloved dog suffering from cancer too. Surrounded by pain and responsibility, her days revolved around caregiving, hospital visits, and endless worry. In the process of taking care of everyone she loved, she had quietly drifted away from herself, her laughter, her calm, her self-care rituals. Divorced and with her son living far away, she faced it all alone, often suppressing her emotions just to keep going. During the counseling session, as she began to speak about her life, her composure gently broke; tears welled up and her voice quivered the pain she had long buried, finally finding

release. By the end, she felt a little lighter, as if a small burden had lifted off her heart. That moment reminded her that even those who hold others through storms need a place to rest and that healing begins the moment we allow ourselves to be vulnerable.

Summary Insight:

These cases demonstrate the vital role of counselling in improving quality of life for cancer patients-whether by helping them reconnect with their sense of self or by facilitating ways to emotionally support their families after they're gone. Understanding the patient's values, fears, and hopes allows us to tailor our approach, providing not just psychological support, but meaningful human connection in the face of suffering.



GCS Counselor Ms. Shweta Gavaskar along with the patient

X) Other programs

1). GIMACON 2023

The Society sponsored Rs.50,000 for the GIMACON Conference

GIMACON 2023 was organised on 7th and 8th October 2023. Around 550 Doctors from all over Goa attended the conference. Sessions on Breaking a diagnosis of Cancer, Food as Medicine to prevent Cancer and lifestyle disease were well appreciated.

2). Make a wish foundation- We work in collaboration with Make a wish Foundation India fulfilling wishes of cancer kids. During the year 2023-24 we have paid 1.5 lakh fulfilling wishes of around 17 kids.

The Wish-Granting Event, jointly organized by The Goa Cancer Society (GCS) and Make-A-Wish (MAW), took place at Raj Bhawan-Dona Paula on March 16, 2024, at 12:00 PM. Dr. Shekhar Salkar Jt.

Secretary of GCS Dr.Mahesh Naik extended a warm welcome to His Excellency P.S. Shreedharan Pillai, the Governor of Goa, along with all the distinguished guests.

The program commenced with the National Anthem, Dr. Shekhar then opened the proceedings with an inspiring quote” In the garden of dreams nurturing hope for young hearts, a program dedicated to fulfilling the wishes of our little fighters.” He then requested Mr.Dempo to say a few words on this occasion. Mr. Shrinivas Dempo,

President of GCS, expressed gratitude to all attendees, highlighting the rich history of GCS since its inception in 1968. He mentioned the important role played by the society in providing financial aid, cancer screening, research initiatives, DILASA project and collaborating with Make-A-Wish India to fulfill the dreams of children fighting cancer. Mr. Dempo appealed to like-minded individuals to support this noble cause.

The Giant Cheques were then handed over at the hands of the dignataries, total 4 lakhs were donated.

His Excellency, Governor P.S. Shreedharan Pillai, lauded the charitable work done by of both GCS and MAW. He praised Dr. Shekhar Salkar for his selfless service .He mentioned that they are giving discreet donations of Rs.25,000 each to cancer patients & till date 4 crores have been donated in the Goa state. Following the speeches the gifts were distributed to all the kids.The kids were happy to see gifts such cycle, Remote control train Kitchen set,cycle, Painting Kit Battery operated car etc.It was very satisfying to see big smiles on the kids faces.



Shri. Shrinivas Dempo, Shri. P. S. Shreedharan Pillai, Dr. Suresh Shetye & Dr. Anupama Borkar

Messages of Gratitude

A) By Research Personnel

1. Dr. Shameer Ahmed was sanctioned 1 lakh under research sanctions, he has sent a report which says “I am Dr Shameer Ahmed, proud LIFE MEMBER of GCS, I hope all are in good health and doing well.W.r.t ; "Closure Report - Grant-GCS-Research/2024-25".

It gives me immense pleasure to submit the report and pictures to you with all the information wrt to grant provided to me for the Advanced Oncology programme.

As I continue my Oncology research journey, I have duly approached our esteemed The Goa Cancer Society for financial assistance. Like always I was supported.

This is a unique programme in Germany at Ulm University, which enrolls only researchers and practicing Oncologists and pioneer scientists from academia, industry.

CAS- Certificate in Advance studies- Advance Oncology. Continuing medical education "Interdisciplinary Oncology"

This 5-month certificate (Oct 2024- March 2025) continuing medical education course “Interdisciplinary Oncology” gave me a comprehensive overview of the cellular and molecular biology of tumors. Current methods of molecular and imaging diagnostics (FISH, sequencing, NGS) and modern therapeutic principles (immunotherapy, drug therapy, surgery and stem cell therapy), theory and practical classes were very intense and deep.

In the module "Epidemiology" learnt about the principles of global tumour documentation and gained a comprehensive insight into statistics and the characteristics of tumour registers.

During the final seminar I had an opportunity to study the principles of action of modern therapeutics as well as the advantages and disadvantages of different molecular biological diagnostics.

In addition, we students were given communication and presentation training by personal coaching. As a closure view of this project, I have passed the exam, certificate of attendance and Result is attached. I can't thank enough for the opportunity and support provided by - The Goa Cancer Society specially Mr. Dempo, Dr. Suresh Shetye and other esteemed members.

Looking forward to giving my best and contributing to the public and cancer patients.

Lastly, I would like to thank Mrs. Sangeeta Chawan for being the point of contact for GCS”

2. Dr. Jitisha Savalkar- I express my profound appreciation to the Goa Cancer Society Managing Committee for approving the sanctioned financial assistance towards my research. I am thankful for the Committee's support and favourable consideration.

3. I Akanksha Savardekar, along with my mentor, Dr. Arnab Banerjee, express our sincere gratitude to the Goa Cancer Society for awarding us this grant, which was instrumental in facilitating the successful execution of my research work. The financial support provided through this grant enabled access to essential resources and significantly contributed to the advancement of this study.

I extend my deepest thanks to Mr. Shrinivas Dempo, Dr. Suresh Shetye, Dr. Mahesh Naik, Ms. Sangeeta Chawan, and the other Managing Committee Members for their invaluable support, guidance, and unwavering commitment to promoting cancer research. Their continued encouragement, confidence in my work, and dedication to fostering scientific advancement have not only strengthened the foundation of this research but have also greatly inspired my ongoing academic and professional pursuits.

Please find my research paper attached herewith for your kind perusal and records. Once again, I sincerely thank the Goa Cancer Society for this opportunity and support.

B) By patients who received Financial assistance

- 1) We, [REDACTED] family express our deepest gratitude for your incredible generous donation to support for our son's cancer treatment.

we are truly moved by your kindness & support.

Your prayers & well wishes help us to overcome this illness.

We are happy to have such generous people in our life.

Thank you!
Dev Borem karu!

- 2) I, [REDACTED] person with disability, of Sao Matias in village Divar, on behalf of my wife n my 17 year old daughter would like to give our Gratitude and say "Dev Boren Korum to each one of you all ", Thank you, Thank you, Thank you, for blessing my wife [REDACTED] with financial blessing.

I have no words to express my Gratitude to you all but only Pray to God to bless you all and your families with good health always and bless "The Goa Cancer Society " Abundantly in all ways to carry on the good work you all are doing for the poor, needy and for the people fighting their battle in C.

Would like to also inform you that we 3 have started praying for you all in our family Prayers from the day you blessed my wife

Once again Thank you all n God bless you all

Regards: [REDACTED]
Divar, Goa.

C) By the Counseled patients

1. Being so young, Shweta has the power of helping so much. Through my cancer journey, she has been very understanding and there is something in her that makes you want to change your life for the better. She has this positive energy. The meditation which she taught me has also helped me immensely.
2. I felt very good with you. I feel Shweta was sent by God. I have changed a lot due to counselling. If I had not received counselling, I would have suffered.
3. Counselling style of talking is very nice. Person / me heals just after listening to her. She is very sweet. I used to cry every night and would feel low. But ever since counselling, I stopped crying like before.

The Goa Cancer Society
Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2024

(In Rs.)

Particulars	As at 31st March 2024	As at 31st March 2023
Liabilities		
Corpus Fund	2,67,21,263	2,66,71,263
Other Project Funds	9,64,055	9,64,055
Deposits (Manipal Hospital)	35,00,000	3,500,000.00
Current Liabilities	4,73,661	6,49,353
Income & Expenditure A/c	38,52,333	37,30,501
Total	3,55,11,313	3,55,15,172
Assets		
Fixed Assets (WDV)	81,24,137	85,72,394
Manipal Goa Hospital	11,81,244	11,81,244
Deposits & Advances	13,615	13,615
Receivables	48,32,304	47,90,802
Cash & Bank Balances	2,13,60,012	2,09,57,118
Total	3,55,11,313	3,55,15,172

Income & Expenditure Account for the year ending 31st March 2024

(In Rs.)

Particulars	As at 31st March 2024	As at 31st March 2023
Incomes		
Interest Income	11,79,104	9,63,363
Other Incomes	44,65,036	42,90,615
Total	56,44,140	52,53,978
Expenditure		
Activity related Expenditure	43,71,032	42,18,277
Establishment Expenditure	6,99,630	6,98,294
Depreciation	4,51,646	4,81,879
Total	55,22,308	53,98,450
Surplus/Deficit for the year	1,21,832	1,44,472

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Deposits (Manipal Hospital)	35,00,000	35,00,000
Current Liabilities	3,85,550	4,73,662
Income & Expenditure A/c	41,94,643	38,52,333
Total	3,58,15,511	3,55,11,313
Assets		
Fixed Assets (WDV)	1,37,55,995	81,24,137
Manipal Goa Hospital	11,81,244	11,81,244
Deposits & Advances	20,640	13,615
Receivables	53,80,650	48,32,304
Cash & Bank Balances	1,54,76,982	2,13,60,013
Total	3,58,15,511	3,55,11,313

Income & Expenditure Account for the year ending 31st March 2025

(In Rs.)

Particulars	As at 31st March 2025	As at 31st March 2024
Incomes		
Interest Income	12,17,246	11,79,104
Other Incomes	44,90,047	44,65,036
Total	57,07,293	56,44,140
Expenditure		
Activity related Expenditure	39,11,768	43,71,032
Establishment Expenditure	6,92,457	6,99,630
Depreciation	7,60,758	4,51,646
Total	53,64,983	55,22,308
Surplus/Deficit for the year	3,42,310	1,21,832

Glimpses - FY 2023-24 & FY 2024-25

8th Annual Lecture 21.04.2023



Make a Wish 16.03.2024



Glimpses - FY 2023-24 & FY 2024-25 Cancer Detection Camps



CMEs

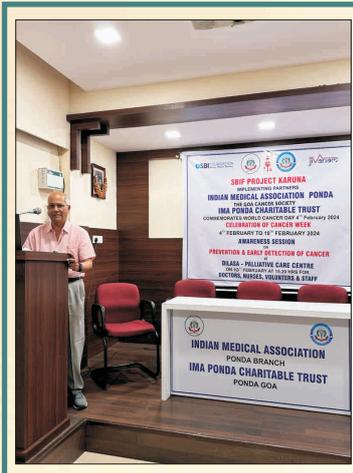


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GIMACON-2023



DILASA's awareness lectures



GCS in news

8th annual lecture of Goa Cancer Society held

THE GOA NETWORK

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He said that though the rate of cancer cases were 100 per lakh, which is on par with other states like Bihar, Goa has more breast, colon and lung cancer cases. "Lung and breast cancer is more prominent in women than men," he added.

The Goa Cancer Society on Tuesday announced a scheme called "Dr. Shekhar Salkar Cancer Screening package" at Manipal Hospital at a concessional rate.

GCS is a non-profit organization.



NT BUZZ

Founded in 1968, Goa Cancer Society has its 8th annual lecture recently at International Convention Centre, Dona Paula. The speaker, histopathologist Dr. Anita Borges spoke on "Cancer: A Continuing Conversation" where she focused on recent concepts in understanding cancer and how it helps in the modern management of cancer.

She said that genetics play a vital role in development of cancer as does the environment.

Also present were chairman of the Dr. Dempe Group of Companies, Shrinivas Dempe, Dr. Mahesh Naik, Dr. Shekhar Salkar, Dr. Prasad Sagarika, Dr. Deepak Murty, Dr. Sitakant Chaturkar and other members of the managing committee.

This was followed by encouraged case discussions on common tumours with uncommon morphologies that can be diagnosed by clinical and histological lesions alone. Dr. Shekhar Salkar, Dr. Prasad Sagarika, Dr. Deepak Murty, Dr. Sitakant Chaturkar and other members of the managing committee.

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GOA CAUSE OF CONCERN

Rate of cancer cases in the State is 100 per lakh.

More breast, colon and lung cancer cases detected.

Dr. Salkar further said that, which we consume are more prone to have contaminated substance than fish which we can clean, cook and eat.

Dr Salkar: Not intake of formalin but its inhalation causes cancer

CALL FOR LONG-TERM STUDY ON CANCER

Dr. Shekhar Salkar emphasized the need for a study of at least 20 years.

Goa Cancer Society ready to take up project if funding partner comes forward.

Dr. Salkar also emphasized the need for a long period of study, at least 20 years, relating to cancer with a large sample of cancer patients, which would involve ensuring their diet habits, family background, area and its locality. "Goa Cancer Society can take up this project if some funding partner comes forward to collaborate with us," he added.

Dr. Salkar also stated that late detection of cancer creates a problem with the treatment. "A patient has to spend about Rs 25 lakh in 15 days for treatment of cancer which is late stage," he said.

Make a wish Foundation - Indian of 16/03/24

Nurturing hope for young hearts

NT BUZZ

The Goa Cancer Society and Make a Wish Foundation-India with the support of the officer-in-charge of the Department of Health, Goa, Dr. Anita Borges, dedicated towards fulfilling the wishes of little fighters recently at Raj Bhavan, Dona Paula.

The programme was attended by Governor of Goa P.S. Sreedharan Pillai, Industries and president of Goa Cancer Society Shrinivas Dempe, Director of Department of Medical Oncology Goa Medical College Anupama Bokar, vice-president Goa Cancer Society Dr. Suresh B. Shetty, and secretary of Goa Cancer Society Dr. Mahesh Naik. The highlight of the function was granting the wishes of young little fighters who have been successfully triumphing over 100 odds.



Pillai, in his address, appealed to the state government to upgrade infrastructure in healthcare facilities so that the people of Goa don't have to visit outside states for advance treatments.

Dempe in his speech spoke about having a social responsibility, constitutional opportunity, and moral obligation to support each other.

He further added that the Goa Cancer Society is committed towards the welfare of those who are in distress due to medical calamity, and sustained initiatives are directed towards ensuring support and assistance. A cheque of Rs. 1,00,000 was donated to the Goa Cancer Society by the government at the event.

Cancer largely remains a mystery, says Borges

LOCAL

The surgical pathologist says it is marked by unpredictability

Staff Reporter
Panaji

Despite great strides made in medical research and treatment of various illnesses around the world, cancer largely remains a mystery, observed Mumbai-based Dr. Anita Borges, one of India's leading surgical cancer pathologist on Friday.

The droyen in cancer pathology with over 40 years of experience of working in the field remarked that cancer is marked by unpredictability as nobody has been able to pinpoint why cancer occurs.

"Genetics plays a role in development of cancer as does the environment. However every sort of contradiction can be found in studying cancer. Every time we believe we know what cancer is, we come up with a new finding that changes

important," she said, to an engrossed audience comprising of doctors, cancer survivors and laymen.

Earlier during the function, industrialist Shrinivas V. Dempe, who is the president of the Goa Cancer Society, spoke on the organization's activities. He said that the society is dedicated to service, education and treatment towards the fight against cancer.

The Goa Cancer Society is an independent charity and voluntary non-profit organisation which was established in 1968. The society started Goa's first cancer hospital and provides financial assistance for various initiatives such as funding cancer detection camps, make-a-wish foundation, cancer awareness among school children, financial assistance scheme with Manipal Hospital, Dilasa Project, among others.



Mumbai-based Dr. Anita Borges delivering the lecture at the International Centre Goa, Dona Paula.

Dr. Borges, delivering the 8th lecture series organised by the Goa Cancer Society at the International Centre Goa, Dona Paula.

Goan origin Dr. Borges is the director, Centre for Oncology, Wadala, the consultant histopathologist at S.L. Babaria Hospital, Mahina, member of the National Accreditation Board for testing and calibrating laboratories as well as she is on several prominent medical bodies.

The topic for the lecture was 'Cancer: A Continuing Conundrum'.

"Cancer can be treated and is no longer a hopeless case. It is no longer a Big C, but is actually a Little C, thanks to the presence of excellent oncologists," she said.

The distinguished oncopathologist pointed out that most of the research on cancer presently is in studying the cancer cell. Studying the environment in which cancer occurs is equally

PANORAMA

'Every year, we learn new things about cancer'

Renowned cancer pathologist Dr. Anita Borges sheds light on the unpredictable disease

GOA NETWORK

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Reasons behind 60 pc of patients suffering from breast cancer still unknown: Dr Salkar

Parulekar's land grab Habitual car lifter held

Dr. Shekhar Salkar, General Secretary of Goa Cancer Society, stated that 60 percent of breast cancer cases in Goa remain unexplained. He also mentioned other news items like Parulekar's land grab and a habitual car lifter being held.

कॅन्सर सोसायटीच्या व्याख्यानाला प्रतिसाद

लोकमान्य न्यून नेदरक पणजी । गोवा कॅन्सर सोसायटीचे अध्यक्ष श्रीनिवास डेपोने सोसायटीच्या व्याख्यानाला प्रतिसाद देताना म्हणाले की, कॅन्सर ही एक अत्यंत घोर रोगावस्था आहे. कॅन्सर सोसायटीच्या व्याख्यानाला प्रतिसाद देताना म्हणाले की, कॅन्सर ही एक अत्यंत घोर रोगावस्था आहे. कॅन्सर सोसायटीच्या व्याख्यानाला प्रतिसाद देताना म्हणाले की, कॅन्सर ही एक अत्यंत घोर रोगावस्था आहे.



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Citing WHO guidelines, medic allays formalin fears

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Dr. Anita Borges, a renowned cancer pathologist, allayed fears about formalin by citing WHO guidelines. She stated that formalin is used in the preservation of tissues and is not harmful when used correctly. She also mentioned other news items like Parulekar's land grab and a habitual car lifter being held.



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