Report

A Webinar on **Cancer Awareness and Prevention** in commemoration of **World Cancer Day** on the Theme "**Close the Care Gap**" was organised by Integral Information & Research Centre (IIRC) and Department of Bioengineering on February 04, 2022 at 10:30 AM

The webinar organised on World Cancer Day under the Patronship of Honourable Founder and Chancellor **Prof. Syed Waseem Akhtar**, and Co-Patronship of **Dr. Syed Nadeem Akhtar**, Hon'ble Pro-Chancellor and **Prof. Javed Musarrat**, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Integral University was targeted at Faculty, Research scholars, students and the community in general. This event aimed to promote awareness and prevention to reduce preventable deaths caused by cancer and to make them aware about the latest advances in cancer drug discovery and diagnosis.

The Webinar commenced with a welcome address and introductory remarks about the biochemical basis of cancer and challenges that are faced in reducing the cancer burden by **Prof.Syed Misbahul Hassan, Director IIRC**.

Prof. Javed Musarrat, Honourable Vice Chancellor delivered the Keynote address wherein he emphasised on the need to make access to life saving cancer drugs equitable irrespective of the economic status, ethnicity and gender. His address brought forth very pertinent actionable points related to prevention of cancer by providing quality care and early diagnosis.

Prof. MLB Bhatt Ex VC KGMU and Head, Department of Radiotherapy KGMU was one of the expert speakers who delivered a talk entitled **"Cancer Control: Prevention is the only Hope"**. He spoke about the growing cancer burden and impressed upon the audience to loose artificial moorings of life, cultivate good dietary habits and adapt healthy lifestyle. He debunked many myths related to cancer and shared real experiences from bench to bedside stories of cancer treatment.

Dr. Mohammad Azhar Aziz, Director, Interdisciplinary Nanotechnology Center, AMU, Aligarh delivered an insightful talk on the topic "Colorectal Cancer: A disease that can be won". Dr Aziz apprised the audience about how a multipronged "Omics" approach is required to win the battle against cancer. He also reflected upon precision medicine and gave a glimpse of how it is going to change landscape of cancer diagnosis and treatment. **Prof. Sher Ali**, Dean Academics and Research and Development delivered the concluding remarks and deliberated on ways to "Closing the Care as well as Caregiver Gap".

The webinar closed with vote of thanks proposed by **Dr. Snober S. Mir, Associate Professor, Department of Bioengineering.** The webinar was well organised by organising secretaries **Prof. Syed Misbahul Hassan and Dr. Snober S. Mir.** The webinar was received well by the audience with 300+ **registered participants** and extensive community outreach through **stream yard.**



