

## Report of CSIR-Sponsored Cervical Cancer Screening Awareness Workshop

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Department of pharmacy practice, JSS college of pharmacy ,Ooty, in association with IPA Nilgiris local branch, organized a CSIR-sponsored “Cervical cancer screening awareness workshop” in Sokkanalli tribal village, The Nilgiris on November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The program was aimed to raise awareness about the cervical cancer risk factors, and the importance of diagnosis, screening, vaccination, treatment, and prevention of cancer among the tribal women.

In this workshop, about 75 participants of the tribal community benefitted. Dr. S. Vikashini, Lecturer, and the anchor of the event skillfully guided the audience through various segments of the program and delivered the welcome address setting the tone for the event. Followed by the felicitation of the president of Panchayant Mrs.Sangeetha and the member of the panchayat Mr.Sivamani by Dr. M. Deepalakshmi and Dr.S.Shanmugam.

Dr. M. Deepalakshmi, Assistant Professor delivered a thought-provoking talk on Cervical cancer. She highlighted the significance of cervical cancer awareness and provided valuable insights into vaccination, and prevention measures. She addressed the importance of health management, and screening, of cervical cancer. Dr.Goamthi Swaminathan delivered a awareness talk on the importance of vaccination for children at the age of 9 to 12 years for the prevention of cervical cancer. She also stated that the woman should be aware of the early clinical signs to diagnose the cancer and to not feel awkward or shy to talk with family members and health care physicians. Dr. S.Vikashini delivered the need and importance for early diagnosis and screening of cervical cancer. Dr.Mohsina hyder talked on the treatment ,chemotherapy ,vaccination doses and non pharmacological management of the disease. Lastly, Dr.L.Priyanka emphasized the risk factors , preventive measures, and routes of transmission of the virus to cause cervical cancer.

The IV<sup>th</sup> pharm D students actively did the health screening tests which involved collection of medication history, blood pressure check,sugar check ,BMI calculation and patient counselling was done by Dr.S.Shanmugam Lecturer, TIFAC core co-ordinator. Finally, Dr. Vikashini S, Expressed her gratitude to all the women, staff, and attendees for making the event a success.

The event was a resounding success, through informative talks, and screening, the program encouraged valuable insights on awareness of cervical cancer. It served as a reminder that a healthy lifestyle is mandatory and emphasized the significance of seeking support and understanding. The program received positive feedback from the women in attendance, indicating a desire for similar initiatives in the future.

