

**Breast Cancer Awareness Day and Painting Competition held at Hamdard Institute of Medical Sciences & Research, Jamia Hamdard, Delhi on 21 April 2017**

Delhi State Chapter of IRIA organized a Social Awareness Program "Breast Cancer Awareness Day" on 21 April 2017 at Hamdard Institute of Medical Sciences & Research (HIMSR), Jamia Hamdard, Delhi. This program was done in collaboration with Department of Radiology, HIMSR. The program was attended by more than 350 delegates, including patients, nursing staff and other faculties of Jamia Hamdard University.

The delegates were welcomed by Prof Dr Lalendra Upreti, President, Delhi State Chapter of IRIA & Dr Pankaj Sharma, Secretary, Delhi State Chapter of IRIA with Prof Dr S.S Anand and Dr Abhinav Jain from Radiology Department, HIMSR. The Inaugural Address was delivered by the Chief Guest for the occasion Prof Dr M.Y Kharadi, Dean, HIMSR. Dr Col C.S Pant, Breast Imaging Expert and Past President, IRIA & Dr O.P Bansal, Patron, Delhi State Chapter of IRIA and Immediate Past President, IRIA were the Guests of honor for the occasion. Dr O.P Bansal informed the gathering about the background of this Social Awareness Program.

An informative documentary on Breast Cancer Awareness and Screening was shown on the occasion by Dr Col C.S Pant. In addition, a Booklet on Breast Cancer Awareness with useful information for general public in Hindi language, written by Prof Dr Sangeeta Saxena, Head, Department of Radiology, Kota Medical College was launched on this occasion. Delhi State Chapter of IRIA has published 10,000 copies of this book and is distributing free copies amongst the target population in Delhi - NCR.

Dr Sangeeta Saxena also delivered keynote speech on this occasion. This was followed by informative talks by Dr Madhavi Chandra and Dr Shelly Sharma from Sir Gangaram Hospital, New Delhi and Dr Arifa Anwar Elahi, Associate Professor of Gynecology at HIMSR.

A Poster Painting Competition was also organized on this occasion, with participants divided into two categories : School Children and adults with age more than 18 years, with Competition topics "Save the Girl Child" and "Breast Cancer Awareness". This competition drew a huge response in both the groups with more than 100 school children participation for "Save the Girl Child" theme and at least 175 participants for "Breast Cancer Awareness" theme.

For the first category, 63 entries were received in group of 2 or 3 children from two schools - Kendriya Vidyalaya, Airforce Station Tughlakabad and Khadijatul Kubra Girls Public School, Jamia Nagar. Their entries were judged by Prof Dr Atin Kumar, Joint Secretary, IRIA and Treasurer, Delhi State Chapter of IRIA, Prof Rambha Pathak, Head of Department of Community Medicine, HIMSR, Mr. Mathew Joseph, Country Director of Pathfinder International and Dr Ankur Goyal, Academic Co-ordinator and Executive member, Delhi State Chapter of IRIA. From each school, three best entries were chosen and awarded attractive cash prizes.

For the theme of Breast Cancer Awareness poster, 76 entries were received in group of 3 from the various faculties. Their entries were judged by Prof Kiran Goswami, Professor, Centre for Community Medicine, AIIMS, Delhi, Dr Raghav Aggarwal, Coordinator, Social Security Scheme of IRIA and Central Council Member, Delhi State Chapter of IRIA, Dr Abhinav Jain, Executive member, Delhi State Chapter of IRIA and Dr Shubhra Phillips, Country Director, Project Concern International. The top three entries were awarded attractive cash prizes.

The judges were overwhelmed by the spirit of participants and appreciated their efforts. The Delhi State Chapter of IRIA, increased the number of awards to encourage the participants.

Dr Pankaj Sharma, Secretary, Delhi State Chapter of IRIA and Organising Secretary for the event thanked all the patients and contestants of Poster Competition for their presence and active participation. Dr Lalendra Upreti and Dr Pankaj Sharma also appreciated efforts of Dr Abhinav Jain and entire Radiology Department at HIMSR for coordinating this event.

The program was followed by refreshments for all the patients and participants of the poster competition.



*Dignitaries on the dais for the function : Dr Sangeeta Saxena, Dr Lalendra Upreti, Dr M.Y Kharadi, Dr O.P Bansal, Dr S. S Anand, Dr Col C.S Pant and Dr Pankaj Sharma.*



*Inauguration of the book by Dr M.Y Kharadi, Dr O.P Bansal and Dr Col C.S Pant*



*Felicitations of Dr Sangeeta Saxena by Chief guest Dr M.Y Kharadi*



*Felicitations of Breast Cancer Survivors by Chief guest Dr M.Y Kharadi and Guest of Honour Dr OP Bansal*



Audience for Breast Cancer Awareness Program



Poster Competition Participants



Felicitation of School Children and Prize Winners