



# Gandhinagar Institute of Technology

A Report on

“Cancer Awareness Programme”

(9<sup>th</sup> February 2017, Thursday)

## **Objective:**

The Healthy Campus Committee (HCC) of Gandhinagar Institute of Technology organized ‘Cancer Awareness Programme’ on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017, for the purpose of creating awareness of Cancer among students so that they may contribute to fight against fatal disease of cancer. The event was aimed at raising awareness about the disease so that millions of deaths caused by it every year can be prevented. It is observed in the present scenario that college students are vulnerable to tobacco abuses of cigarette smoking, chewing tobacco and many such other kinds. It is estimated that cigarette smoking accounts for about one-third of all types of cancer, including 90 percent of lung cancer cases. Smokeless tobacco such as chewing tobacco and snuff also increases the risk of cancer, especially oral cancers. Both behavioral interventions like counselling and medication can help addicts quit their habit.

## **Programme:**

In the morning session, certain events like ‘Critical Thinking’, ‘Graffiti’ and ‘Just a Minute’ were organized to create awareness of cancer. Many students participated in this event from reputed institutes like L D College of Engineering, Alpha College of Engineering & Technology, Hasmukh Goswami College of Engineering, and Master of Social Work (MSW) Dept., Gujarat University apart from GIT. The students presented their creative ideas on varied topics in Critical Thinking. That way their elocution skills and ability to solve problems also were given a platform. The event was judged by Mr Abhishek Agravat, writer of many novel articles, songs, and plays, presently working with Health Department, Government of Gujarat. The event named ‘Graffiti’ provided the students with the opportunity to paint their innovative and thought provoking ideas on cancer awareness theme through their sketches and paintings on the wall. The students performed various tasks related to fitness and sports in ‘Just a Minute’ event. All the faculties, staff and students put on the purple ribbons to spread awareness and support people living with the trauma of cancer.

Dr N M Bhatt, graced the occasion by delivering his speech emphasizing on the need and significance of the awareness of cancer among the people especially the upcoming generation who is still at the early stage of being aware of the hazards of this demon like disease. Shri Hari Om Gandhi, Zonal Director, Narcotics Control Bureau, was the chief guest of the event. He motivated students to stay healthy and shared his noble views on cancer awareness and its prevention. He was accompanied by Mr. Sagar Brahmhatt & Mr. Ajaz Shaikh, frontrunners of Healthy Campus. Dr. Parimal Jivrajani, a consultant in Preventive Oncology at Apollo Hospitals, Ahmedabad took a seminar on cancer awareness where in the participants were educated with the signs and symptoms of different types of cancer. He also mentioned various risk factors, early detection, diagnosis, and treatment options.

All the guests and participating institutes were felicitated with mementos for their keen participation in the cancer awareness drive. Students presented a short video regarding cancer awareness on the occasion which was a source of inspiration for all. The event concluded with vote of thanks by coordinator of HCC Prof. Jatin Chakravarti. The active participation of volunteer students and faculty members contributed to the magnificent success.

**Photo Gallery:**



Cancer Awareness Graffiti by students from L. D. College of Engineering.



Shri Hari Om Gandhi with HCC members in Graffiti event.



Students in action during the Just A Minute event.



Dr N M Bhatt, Director GIT, Mr. Abhishek Agravat (Judge) and members of the HCC during Critical Thinking event.



Dr N M Bhatt, Director GIT, Shri. Hari Om Gandhi and other dignitaries on the dais.



Dr Parimal Jivrajani from Apollo Hospitals addressing the gathering.



Dr N M Bhatt, Director GIT, felicitating the chief guest Shri Hari Om Gandhi with a memento.



Prof Jatin Chakravarti (Coordinator, HCC) giving a vote of thanks on the occasion.