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Meghalaya government and Apollo Telemedicine unite forces to organise Cancer Conclave 2024

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A pivotal platform for exchanging ideas, knowledge, and experiences related to improving cancer care for communities



In a groundbreaking initiative, the Meghalaya Government, in collaboration with Apollo Telemedicine Networking Foundation (ATNF), has organised the Meghalaya Cancer Conclave 2024, themed "Close the Care Gap."

The conclave on 12th and 13th February, being chaired by Dr Mazel Ampareen Lyngdoh, Minister, Health and Family Welfare, Govt. Meghalaya at the Cosmos Hall, Courtyard by Marriott, Shillong, marks a pivotal moment in the fight against cancer in the state.

The conference brings together key stakeholders, encompassing oncologists, cancer researchers, scholars, NGOs, industry leaders, top bureaucrats, and media. The collaborative environment aims to foster discussions on the challenges and innovative solutions in the journey of cancer care.

Sampath Kumar, Principal Secretary - Dept. of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of Meghalaya expressed the urgency of addressing the cancer care challenges faced by the region. He stated "As we gather for the Meghalaya Cancer Conclave, our aim is profound - to craft solutions that span the entire spectrum of cancer care."

Ram Kumar S., Secretary, Health and Family Welfare Department, Govt. of Meghalaya, said "In hosting the Meghalaya Cancer Conclave 2024, we are orchestrating a comprehensive approach to cancer care. This platform is more than a meeting; it's a commitment to forging alliances, pooling knowledge, and crafting strategies that will redefine our fight against cancer."

Prem Anand, Chief Business Officer, Apollo Telemedicine Networking Foundation stated, "Together, we strive to not only address the challenges but also pave the way for a future where no one is left behind in the fight against cancer."

Key discussions at the conclave include early diagnosis, access to quality treatment, the epidemiology of common cancer in Meghalaya, technology-enabled public health screening of cancer, supportive and palliative care, cancer research, the role of media in cancer care, and survivorship.

As a noteworthy addition, the Meghalaya Cancer Care or 'Meg Can Care' project, launched in 2023 by Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma, reflects the government's commitment to screening and early detection.