

NEWS LETTER

AIIMS RISHIKESH - RADIATION ONCOLOGY

National Cancer Awareness Day Program:

The Department of Radiation Oncology, AIIMS Rishikesh, has proudly organized a National Cancer Awareness Program on November 7th to mark National Cancer Awareness Day which aligns with the world cancer day campaign focusing on “**United by Unique**”. The main focus of the theme was Prevention, Early Detection, and Support system for patients and cancer survivors. By keeping these in mind, events focused on promoting early detection, prevention, community engagement, do’s and dont’s during treatment through animated videos.

The session was graced by our Director Prof. Dr MEENU SINGH, as the Chief Guest, and Dean Research Dr Shailendra Handu, Deputy medical superintendent Dr Bharat Bhushan, Chief Nursing Officer Dr Anita Rani Kansal facilitated and emphasized the institution’s ongoing commitment to cancer control through education and innovation (Figure 1). A digital patient awareness platform was inaugurated by Prof Meenu Singh, Director & CEO, AIIMS Rishikesh.

Capacity building in North Indian district hospitals in Palliative Care services:

A data Review Meeting was held on 8th November 2025 at AIIMS Rishikesh under the ICMR- funded project titled ‘To Build the Capacity of Palliative Care Services in 10 District Hospitals in North India to Reduce Suffering in Patients with Chronic Debilitating Conditions’, with Dr Sweety Gupta, Addl Prof of Radiation oncology as Co-PI. The primary aim was to assess the progress made by each centre, identify challenges, and ways for strengthening palliative care delivery at the district and sub-district levels. Ten participating centres presented their individual progress reports.

Academic Excellence and Achievements

Our postgraduate residents have got recognition at the national level this year for their academic achievements:

- Dr. Dhurv (3 rd year junior resident) secured the 2nd Position in the AROICON 2025(Kolkata) National Quiz, held during the annual conference.
- Dr. Harpreet Kaur (3 rd year junior resident) was awarded with the prestigious Neil Joseph Fellowship



Figure1: Director Prof Dr. Meenu Singh (center) is being felicitated by HOD (Rad Onco) Addl. Prof Dr. Deepa Joseph (right) and Dean Research Prof Dr. Shailendra Shankar Handu (left) and Addl. Prof. Dr. Sweety Gupta (extreme right), on the day of National Cancer Awareness Day.



Figure 2: Addl. Prof. Dr. Sweety Gupta (centre bottom row) along with the PI & CO-PI of the ICMR project - Data Review Meeting held on 8th November 2025 at AIIMS Rishikesh in Capacity building in North Indian district hospitals in Palliative Care services.