

Cancer Detection Camp



The more we get involved in Environmental issues on the ground; we become more aware of what's happening with our ecosystem and the after effects of ill-conceived developments and the toll it takes on the local populace.

Our supports for Dialysis while its continuing; we could not close our eyes to the exponential growth of cancer patients in Kollam. Kollam District has the 4th highest number of Cancer Patients in the country.

Kollam is blessed with wetlands now you can feel the curses as well, as blessings are supposed to be counted and not taken for granted. Wetlands have become waste grounds and the groundwater all across is polluted. How the hell can we recover from such a disaster? Cancer Detection Camp was organized together with Regional Cancer Center, TVM and Cancer Care Centre Kollam. This was hosted by the NGO Consortium and it was an huge success as we had 200 plus registrations and we could only handle about 100.

The rest were asked to register and go so that we could notify the date of the next camp. Given that the "Accredited Social Health Activists" (ASHAs) were barred from participating by the political setup (Panchayat), they participated in the camp without donning their uniforms. The local



politicians from the Block Panchayat and Gramapanchayat together threatened the Health Inspector with dire consequences including transfer etc.

We with NRHM met Directorate and a complaint was filed with the DMO ASHA workers regarding being barred from with HELP cooperating Foundation in the cancer screening camp. Look at the irony the ones elected to rule



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us convert all our wetlands illegally and would not do anything constructive to help the cause of the citizens other than paying lip service, now thwarts somebody trying to make a change on the ground.



