Facilitating development of and access to inclusive innovations for screening and early detection of cancer in India

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India has the 3rd highest estimated number of new cases (1.32 million) and the 2nd highest mortality (851,678) due to cancer in the world (IARC, 2020).

A comprehensive cancer control policy with timely availability and access to screening and early detection methods, and affordable access to treatment can reduce the needless suffering and save millions of lives.

But..

...a large number of people are diagnosed at an advanced stage of cancer when treatment is either ineffective or too expensive to continue.

Let us find out why?

- Lack of awareness of the benefits of screening and early detection
- Social stigma and fear of suffering associated with cancer
- Lack of timely availability and access to affordable and contextually relevant screening and early detection methods due to structural and financial barriers to health care

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