

## Press Release

**8<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of AOGIN India, 8-10 September 2017, Lucknow.**

The Asia Oceania research organization on Genital Infections and Neoplasia (AOGIN) is an international organization whose Indian wing is called **AOGIN India**.

AOGIN India's vision is to reduce the burden of diseases caused by reproductive tract infections, especially Human Papillomavirus (HPV) in India. It works for prevention, early detection and management of cervical cancer and other genital cancers.

**Cervical cancer** is the second most common cancer in Indian women. Each year, about 75,000 women die of cervical cancer in India. The **HPV vaccine** protects against HPV infection and cervical cancer. Two doses of this vaccine in girls aged 9-14 years can protect them from developing cervical cancer. Regular **screening and treatment** of precancerous disease is recommended for all women between 21 to 65 years.

The **8<sup>th</sup> Annual conference of AOGIN INDIA 2017** is being organized for the first time in Lucknow in the guidance of Prof Nisha Singh from King George Medical University. More than 30 international experts in the field of Genital cancers have gathered from various countries like USA, UK, France, Australia, Phillipines, Mongolia and Bangladesh. In addition, there are more than 300 national delegates from all over India including teachers, researchers and students working on genital cancers.

The conference starts on 8<sup>th</sup> September with **five workshops** on prevention, diagnosis and treatment of cervical cancer from 9am to 5pm. This includes one workshop on training of 200 ASHA workers. **Inauguration** will be held at 10am by Shri Brijesh Pathak (Hon'ble minister of Law and Justice), Smt Swati Singh (Hon'ble minister of family and child welfare) and Prof MLB Bhatt (Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, KGMU). There will be a **Rally on Cervical cancer awareness** from 5 to 5:30pm from Hotel Clarks Awadh to DGHS office and return.

Lectures, debates, research presentations and discussions will continue on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> September. A **Public Forum** on "Knowledge attitude and practices about cancer in India" Women has been organized on **10<sup>th</sup> September at 10 am** where public representatives can directly interact with the experts. Dr Dinesh Sharma (Deputy CM, UP) will be the Chief guest for the valedictory function on 10<sup>th</sup> September.

This conference will prove a major event in pushing forward the idea of prevention of cervical cancer and fighting the serious disease which is a major health problem in Indian women.