## **CAN-CER-VIVE AMIDST COVID**

The Board of Directors, Indian Schools Oman, in association with Embassy of India and Oman Cancer Association, organized a cancer awareness webinar, 'Can-cer-vive amidst Covid' on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

The event was a special educational session for teachers and staff of Indian Schools in Oman and was held to commemorate the Teacher's Day, falling annually on 5<sup>th</sup> September. The main objective of this program was to create awareness among the participants on the need to continue to be vigilant against cancer, even during the pandemic.

Dr. Baby Sam Saamuel, Chairman, Board of Directors, Indian Schools Oman inaugurated the webinar. He emphasized the role and relevance of teachers during the pandemic and said that it was a matter of pride that teachers from Indian Schools in Oman were one of the first in the region to implement remote learning in a short span of time. Dr. Saamuel congratulated Mr. Eskalin Gonsalves and Mr. Venketeson Karthikeyan, recipients of CBSE Teacher Award 2019, the only two teachers outside India to win this prestigious award this year. He thanked the Embassy of India and Oman Cancer Association for facilitating the insightful session on cancer awareness for the staff of Indian Schools.

Following this, Her Excellency Madam Yuther Al Rawahy, Founder and Life President of Oman Cancer Association and a cancer survivor herself, shared her life testimony with the audience while Dr. Wahid Al Kharusi, Chairman, Oman Cancer Association spoke about the initiatives of the Oman Cancer Association in fighting against cancer.

Dr. Rajyashree Kutty, Specialist Surgeon, Barakath Alnoor Clinic Muscat was the Expert Speaker for the event. She conducted a detailed presentation which enlightened the audience on the different types of cancer and the precautions to be taken for its early detection and prevention. The Q&A that followed clarified the queries posed by teachers and made the session interactive.

The event was felicitated by Mr. Rakesh Adlekha, Deputy Chief of Mission, Indian Embassy, Muscat. More than 2000 participants attended the entire program which was streamed live on YouTube.