

**Government of India**

**Ministry of Science & Technology**

**Department of Biotechnology**

**Seed Funding Grants Announced under DBT-Cancer Research UK Bilateral Research Initiative for Affordable Approaches to Cancer**

Government of India’s Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Cancer Research UK and the DBT Wellcome  India Alliance are pleased to announce the successful teams who have been awarded Seed Funding grants under the Affordable Approaches to Cancer bilateral research initiative. The successful applicants have been selected through a rigorous process of screening, filtering, review and evaluation to arrive at seven shortlisted applications by a Scientific Advisory Panel comprising of clinical and basic experts and patient representatives drawn from India and the UK.

The successful teams are listed below:

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| **Challenge addressed** | **Team** | |
| **Indian Lead Applicant** | **UK Lead Applicant** |
| Identify affordable approaches to improve early diagnosis of symptomatic cancers. | Dr.Ravi Kannan, Cachar Cancer Hospital &Research Centre | Dr.ToralGathani,  University of Oxford |
| Devise affordable screening tools to improve early detection of cancer. | Dr.RengaswamySankaranarayanan,  RTI International | Professor Arnie Purushotham,  Kings College London |
| Identify and quantify cancer risk factors to better understand regional variations in incidence, enabling new approaches to cancer prevention. | Professor SVS Deo  All India Institute of Medical Sciences  Dr.NityaWadhwa, Translational Health Science Technology Institute | Professor Usha Menon,  University College London,  Professor. RanjitManchanda, Cancer Research UK Barts Centre, Queen Mary University London |
| Develop computational approaches that can reduce the cost of cancer care delivery. | Dr.SwapnilRane  Tata Memorial Hospital | Dr.Anita Grigoriadis, Cancer Research UK Kings Health Partners Centre,Kings College London |
| Improve the affordability of effective cancer treatments. | ProfessorLalit Kumar,  All India Institute for Medical Science | Dr.Duncan Gilbert, University College London |
| Devise affordable screening tools to improve early detection of cancer. | Dr.Moni Kuriakose,  Cochin Cancer Research Centre | Mr. SatheeshPrabhu, Oxford University, NHS Foundation Trust |
| Improve the affordability of effective cancer treatments | Dr.AsimaMukhopadyay, Chittaranjan National Cancer Institute | ProfessorNicola Curtin, Newcastle University |

The Seed Funding grants have been awarded on 31st March 2020for a period of six months to the successful research teams to enable collaboration between India and the UK to develop an understanding of research contexts; to establish research partnerships to address one of the seven research challenges, leading to the preparation of submitting a full application for Programme Award. The value of Seed Funding grants is up to £30k; approx. ₹ 26 Lakhs. The current deadline for submitting Programme Award Applications is 1st December 2020.

**To know more, please visit:**

**Affordable Approaches to Cancer Website**

* <https://affordable-approaches-to-cancer.indiaalliance.org/>

**DBT Website**

* [http://dbtindia.gov.in/importantlinks/dbt-Cancer Research UK-cancer-resarch](http://dbtindia.gov.in/importantlinks/dbt-cruk-cancer-resarch)

**CANCER RESEARCH UK Website**

* <https://www.cancerresearchuk.org/funding-for-researchers/our-funding-schemes/affordable-approaches-to-cancer>

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