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AAI allocates Rs. 1.38 Crore for Cervical Cancer Screening Camps under CSR

New Delhi, 18th December 2017: As part of Corporate Social Responsibility, AAI has taken several steps to sustain and empower under-privileged communities near its airports and provide necessary help in socio-economic development of the region. AAI is working in health, sanitation, paper recycling, towards encouraging rural sports and education & skill development.

Kalyanmayee - Airports Authority of India Women Welfare Association (AAIWWA) is an extended arm of Airports Authority of India, and is committed to carry out various social welfare activities in the field of healthcare, education, environment and Swachh Bharat Mission for the benefit of society at large across the length and breadth of the country.

AAI has allocated Rs. 1.38 Crore for three years and has recently given responsibility to Kalyanmayee-AAIWWA for organizing a series of Cervical Screening Camps for underprivileged women in 12 cities in next three years. Kalyanmayee will be organising screening camps at Delhi, Lucknow, Varanasi, Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Vadodara, Kolkata, Bhubaneswar, Chennai, Hyderabad, Bengaluru and Coimbatore in northern, western, eastern and southern regions, respectively. Approximately 7,200 women from the underprivileged section of the society are expected to benefit from such camps over a period of next three years.

The main objectives of these cervical screening camps are:

- To improve awareness about cervical cancer, the most common cancer in India
- To improve awareness about general good health-seeking behavior, nutrition etc.
- To carry out screening for precancerous and cancerous cervical lesions by Pap Smear.

- To treat minor gynaecological complaints
- To facilitate hospital visit for women detected to be screen positive and complete treatment as required.

The target group for these screening camps is women aged 30-60 years, which is the most appropriate age for cancer screening.

The exclusivity of these camps are not just screening but to improve awareness about general good health-seeking behavior, nutrition and about cervical and breast cancer - the two most common cancers in India, helping women to learn self-techniques of breast examination and also further teach other women and daughters in the family. Further, Kalyanmayee shall facilitate the treatment of those women who have been detected to be screen positive as suggested by doctors' team in local Government Hospitals.

In the series of camps across the country, a screening camp was organized on 16th December, 2017 in Chakkarpur village at Gurugram in the august presence of Kalyanmayee members and doctors' teams from AOGIN, wherein 102 ladies from the underprivileged section of society were screened for cervical cancer.

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