## Centre of Integrative Oncology to be inaugurated tomorrow

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Centre of Integrative Oncology would be inaugurated at National Institute of Cancer Prevention and Research (NICPR), Noida tomorrow by Dr. Saumya Swaminathan, Secretary, Department of Health Research (Ministry of Health & Family Welfare) & Director General, Indian Council for Medical Research and Shri Ajit M. Sharan, Secretary, Ministry of AYUSH.

The MOU for the centre was signed on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2016. Prof. Ravi Mehrotra, Director, NICPR-Indian Council for Medical Research and Prof. Abhimanyu Kumar, Director, All India Institute of Ayurveda will be present in the inauguration ceremony.

The main objective of the Centre is to build collaborations in the areas of cancer prevention, research and care. This would pave the way to carry forward the ongoing bilateral dialogue and facilitate collaboration with stake holders, both national and international, like National Cancer Institute, USA. The setting up of this Centre is an outcome of the deliberations held in Indo-US Workshop on 3-4<sup>th</sup> March 2016 organized by Ministry of AYUSH, where the invited US delegates from Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), National Institute of Health, National Cancer Institute deliberated with the eminent experts from India with expertise in Cancer research and other promising areas for two days to share experiences and work out a road map for future collaborations. The Centre would be the clearing house for information for AYUSH projects on cancer research and management.

The Centre would also offer 5 post-doctoral and 5 Senior Research Fellowships each year to deserving candidates to facilitate quality research in the country in the area of cancer research. The fellowship program would be launched at the inauguration.

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