

UBF Diary

February 2016

Live on UK Radio!

The listeners of UK Radio in Chester got a glimpse into Dr Raghuram's inspiring life journey for the past eight years, such as his toughest decision to relocate to India despite lucrative career opportunities in the UK and the uphill task of establishing a new concept of breast health in India. The UK live radio show hosted by Flipside Radio Station in Chester, was conducted by Dr Nikhil Kaushik, a renowned ophthalmologist from north Wales. The programme was interspersed with Dr Raghuram's pick of Bollywood music numbers!



Empowering Speech in Gujarat

Dr Raghuram, President, The Association of Breast Surgeons of India (ABSI) delivered the presidential address at their west zone regional meeting at Ahmedabad. A large number of surgeons from Gujarat, Maharashtra and Rajasthan attended the meet and heard his talk.



Bangladesh Calling

Dr Raghuram spoke eloquently on his initiatives to improve breast healthcare in India at the First International Congress organised by the Association of Breast Surgeons of Bangladesh in Dhaka. He impressed upon Dr Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury, the Honourable Speaker, Bangladesh Parliament and Zahed Makek, Bangladesh's Health Minister of the urgent need to implement a population based breast cancer screening programme in Bangladesh, like the model deployed in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.



March 2016

Impacting Lives

On International Women's Day, journalists in Hyderabad listened attentively to Dr Raghuram's simple but effective talk on the different aspects of breast health.



Empowering Bank Employees



The women employees of the State Bank of India (SBI) were another target group for a lecture on the importance of the early detection of breast cancer. Hardayal Prasad, SBI, chief general manager for Telangana and AP and his wife Shraddha Prasad paid rich tributes and felicitated Dr Raghuram for his exemplary work.



April 2016

UBF's Path-Breaking Initiative With Telugu States

In a laudable initiative to save scores of lives, the Andhra Pradesh government has welcomed Ushalakshmi Breast Cancer Foundation's proposal to implement a population based breast cancer screening programme to train health care workers and doctors at performing the Clinical Breast Examination (CBE) – a screening method to detect breast cancer early. In March, Dr Raghuram had already trained core healthcare staff in 13 districts of Andhra Pradesh at Rajahmundry and Tirupati.

Some 6,000 health care workers and 1,000 doctors across the state will be trained by June/July 2016. These trained medical personnel will then screen all underprivileged women between the ages of 35 – 65 years across the state. A similar programme is on the anvil with Telangana. This initiative in the Telugu states is all set to become the largest population based screening programme and a benchmark for the nation. To be given this huge responsibility by the government, is indeed a big honour for the Foundation.

