



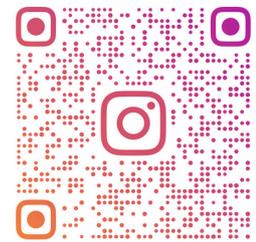
Under the Kalpa Tree

NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2025 – JUNE 2025

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ABOUT US

Kalpavriksham, is the brainchild of Dr. M. Banupriya, who founded the trust in the year 2011 while studying for her third year MBBS degree. The young undergraduate student is now an eminent Radiation Oncologist and double Gold Medalist from Cancer Institute, Adyar and MGR Medical University. Along with her, the trust has also evolved to focus on "Solving the cancer crisis". As an oncologist, Dr Banupriya believes strongly that cancer can be best tackled by prevention and early diagnosis. Today our activities span cancer prevention through cancer awareness, free HPV vaccination, early diagnosis through free mammogram, pap smear, training underprivileged girls in paramedical courses free of cost, cancer treatment at an affordable cost and palliative care.



MESSAGE FROM FOUNDER

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Thank you for standing by Kalpavriksham Trust. Since our first fundraiser in 2011—when I rallied fellow students to save a child's life—our mission "Join hands to save lives" has guided every step. What began as modest medical camps in Villivakkam has grown into a statewide movement. We've hosted over 222 events, served 40,323 beneficiaries, performed 1,224 mammograms, 1,272 Pap smears, and delivered 486 HPV vaccinations by mid-2025. None of this progress is possible without you. As we embark on this next chapter, I invite you to continue empowering healthier communities and saving lives. Together, we will write new stories of hope.



With heartfelt gratitude,

Dr. M. Banupriya MBBS, MD (RT), FIAMS, CCEPC
Founder, Kalpavriksham Trust



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Update on Ongoing Projects

Our Scorecard

29,781

People have been educated on cancer prevention, detection, vaccines, and treatment.

2586

People have benefited from 18 general medical camps we conducted.

752

Lives have been touched through our support of curative cancer treatment.

2459

Beneficiaries have been screened through mobile mammograms and pap smears in free cancer screening camps.

1258

People have taken the pap smear test.

1238

People have been screened with mammograms.

486

Cancer-preventing HPV vaccinations have been administered free of cost.

14

number of new cancers diagnosed through free cancer screening camps.

5

Students have been trained free of cost to pursue paramedical diploma nursing courses.



New Partnerships :

1. Global Cancer Concern India:

- **3 Cancer Screening Camps** conducted benefitting **180** women
- **3 Cancer Awareness Talks** conducted benefitting **450** women

2. Greater Chennai Corporation Zone Office 11:

- **1 Cancer Screening Camp** benefitting **75** women sanitation workers
- **1 Cancer Awareness Talk** benefitting **75** women sanitation workers



The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.

Mahatma Gandhi



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Glimpse of ongoing projects: April – June 2025

- **PROJECT NILA:** This project includes creating awareness about menstrual hygiene along with promotion and administration of free HPV vaccines. **Total Events: 5; Total vaccinated: 26**
- **PROJECT SHAKTHI:** This project aims to empowering women and youth by conducting Cancer Awareness Talks. **Total Events: 9; Total beneficiaries: 1041**
- **PROJECT FEMICARE+:** This project is conducting free Cancer Screening Camps in and around Chennai. **Total Events: 5; Total Beneficiaries: 272; Total free Mammogram: 152; Total free Pap smear: 159**



IMPACT STORIES

1. A Life Saved Through Awareness: Vijayakumari's Story



I am Vijayakumari, 52 years old. A few months ago, I attended a free Cancer Screening Camp organized near my locality by Kalpavriksham Trust. There, I learned how to perform self-breast examination – a simple practice that would go on to change my life. I took the guidance seriously and began checking myself regularly at home. One day around 4 months after the camp, while examining myself, I noticed a small lump in my right breast. Without delay, I consulted a local doctor did a biopsy and confirmed that I had Stage 1 Breast Cancer. Although the diagnosis was frightening, I was fortunate to have caught it early. I underwent a surgery, where they were able to preserve my breast and remove only the tumor as I had identified it, at a very early stage. Today as I recover from the surgery, I am grateful to Kalpavriksham and Dr. Banupriya madam for teaching me this simple yet powerful tool of self-examination. Early detection truly saved my life and my breast. I am alive and my body is whole because of the wonderful initiative done by Kalpavriksham. To every woman reading this: Please don't underestimate the importance of regular self-checks and screening. It can be the difference between life and death.

2. Empowered to Heal: Yuvashree's Journey with Project Shishya



I am Yuvashree. Raised by my mother, a single parent who struggles daily to make ends meet. Yet, hope found its way into our lives through a chance encounter. While attending a health awareness talk by Dr. Banupriya madam in Thiruvottiyur, my mother heard about Project Shishya. The project offers free training in paramedical fields to young people from low-income families. Motivated by this opportunity, I enrolled in the nursing diploma course. The training not only gave me the skills I needed but also the confidence to dream of a better future. Today, I dream of a better life, steady job and a way to give back to the community I belong to. I now care for cancer patients with compassion and dignity. Project Shishya has not only changed my life but also empowered me to uplift others. Add a subheading

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3. Protecting My Future: Keerthana's HPV Vaccination Story



I am Keerthana, 15 years old. Recently, I attended a free HPV vaccination camp organized in my locality by Kalpavriksham Trust. Through this camp I came to know that HPV vaccine is a powerful shield – not just against cervical cancer which is the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths among women, but also against five other types of cancers. The information was new, eye-opening, and empowering for me.

As a young girl with my whole future ahead of me, it made me feel both protected and informed. Thanks to Dr. Banupriya madam and Kalpavriksham Trust, I received the HPV vaccine free of cost. I now feel a deep sense of responsibility to spread awareness about this vaccine among my friends and relatives, especially girls my age. Many of us don't know that something so simple can protect us from something so serious. I'm deeply grateful for this initiative – it has not only safeguarded my health but also educated me about preventive care. I now believe that good health begins with awareness and action.

4. Overcoming Barriers: Sheela's Cancer Screening Experience



My name is Sheela, and I live in Perumbakkam. Recently, Kalpavriksham Trust organized a free Cancer Screening Camp in our community. At first, I was hesitant. I have limited mobility and wasn't sure how I would manage to attend the camp or undergo any tests. But my concerns were soon put to rest as the staff members went out of their way to support me. They helped me reach the screening area and ensured I

was comfortable throughout the process. I underwent two important tests – a mammogram and a Pap smear. Many of us come from underserved backgrounds and would not have had access to these lifesaving screenings otherwise. Kalpavriksham Trust made it possible. I am deeply grateful to them for thinking of us, especially those like me who face physical limitations. I now urge everyone in my neighborhood and beyond – please don't miss the opportunity when such camps are organized. Your health is worth it, and early detection can save lives.

5. Fruitful Collaboration: A New Lease of Life for 14 Women in Chennai

In the financial year 2024–2025, Five Star Business Finance partnered with Kalpavriksham Trust (KVT) to support a vital health initiative under the banner 'Femicare+'—a series of 33 free cancer screening camps for women across Chennai and surrounding regions.



Initially, KVT had proposed to screen 1,500 women by March 31, 2025. However, due to effective cost-saving measures and increasing operational efficiency at each camp, we successfully screened 1,907 women, exceeding our target by over 25%.

These camps were held in a wide range of locations including rural villages, urban communities, old age homes, schools, churches, factories, and among self-help groups and women with mental health challenges, reaching even remote areas such as Pollachi and Kalpakkam.



Impact: Early Detection, Lifesaving Intervention

The most significant outcome of this initiative was the early detection of cancer in 14 women—10 diagnosed with breast cancer and 4 with cervical cancer. Remarkably, all cases were detected at Stage 0 or Stage 1, well before any visible symptoms had developed.

These women, leading normal lives and showing no outward signs of illness, were given a crucial opportunity to seek timely treatment—truly a new lease of life.

This life-changing impact was made possible by the generous support of Five Star Business Finance, and the unwavering commitment of Kalpavriksham Trust to empower women with access to preventive healthcare.

NEWS AND EVENTS

1. Field visit of Madras School of Social Work students:



A vibrant group of 29 students of Social Work department from Madras School of Social Work visited our Trust on June 19, 2025 for an insightful field visit. They interacted with our doctors, explored real-world cancer care challenges, and shared innovative tech-based solutions. Their enthusiasm and fresh perspectives were truly inspiring and energizing for our team.

2. Ambulance launch:



We proudly launched a new ambulance sponsored by AV Thomas Leather & Allied Products Pvt Ltd on April 29, 2025 to enhance homecare activities for cancer patients. This initiative marks a vital step in improving healthcare access and timely interventions. The launch was done with enthusiasm and gratitude, strengthening our commitment to saving lives.

3. Dr. M. Banupriya honored with Change Maker Doctor Award :



Dr. M. Banu Priya received the Change Maker Doctor Award on April 4, 2025, at The Presidency Club, Egmore by JEI Health Care Solutions and organized by Parivu Charitable Trust, honored for her outstanding contributions to cancer care and community welfare, the award recognizes her dedication, compassion, and service to the community.

Kalpavriksham is registered under Section 12A, 80G, NGO Darpan, e-Anudaan and CSR-1. All donations are tax exempt under Section 80G.

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