

# Mitra Sandesh

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## I CAN & I WILL

Cancer is the most dreaded disease due to its mortality rate and the persistent nature of the disease. Once diagnosed with cancer there is always the likelihood of recurrence. Hence oncologists use the term "cancer-free" instead of "cured" because cancer can recur even after successful treatment. Cancer can remain undetected during regular checkups or dormant for years or even decades before causing a relapse.

**“When cancer comes back with a vengeance, your earlier experience arms you for an aggressive battle.”**

Amar Bhaskar

## Abhivyanjana Dec 2024 making a difference...



Mitra CanCare Foundation presented its first “Abhivyanjana – Making a Difference” program on December 6, 2024, at Krishnadevaraya Kala Mandira. The evening was a beautiful confluence of cultural heritage and a vital humanitarian mission.

The highlight of the event was a Bharatanatyam Margam performance by Ms. Pallavi Anand, organized to support fundraising for an HPV vaccination drive aimed at combating cervical cancer.

Ms. Pallavi Anand was accompanied by a distinguished team of musicians: Vidwan Sharath T.S. on Nattuvangam, Vidwan Vidyashankar N. on mridangam, Vidushi Harshitha Vidya on vocal, and Vidwan Mathur R. Srinidhi on violin.

The gold sponsors of the event were Banyan Tree Advisors, Towards Equal Foundation, and Wealth 360.

The program commenced with an invocation song by Ms. Poornima Jayarao, followed by the ceremonial lamp lighting. Dr. Beliappa, Director of Mitra CanCare Foundation, delivered the welcome address. Shri Dravida Seetharam, Advisor to Mitra CanCare Foundation, recognized and appreciated the sponsors before the mesmerizing performance began.

The performance beautifully blended grace, tradition,

and storytelling through rhythm and expression, supporting a meaningful cause while showcasing the richness of Bharatanatyam heritage to the audience. The program concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Ms. Sujata Sahu, Global Operations Head at Crevavi Technologies and a dedicated volunteer at Mitra CanCare Foundation.

“Abhivyanjana – Making a Difference” is an initiative launched by Mitra CanCare Foundation that features both upcoming and established artists from Indian heritage music, dance, and drama. Through these performances, the initiative aims to raise funds and awareness for the foundation’s cause, with renowned artists contributing their talent and support.

The funds raised through such programs are utilized for cancer prevention initiatives, including providing free HPV vaccinations to girls aged 9–14 years in rural schools.

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Bharatnatyam Margam

