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Title: Need to set up a Postgraduate Institute of Oncological Sciences and Research in Kerala.

SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMCHANDRAN (VADAKARA): Kerala, once an acclaimed model for Health care is now facing several lifestyle diseases including Cancer that has assumed alarming proportions. Regional Cancer Center, Thiruvananthapuram is a premier institute for Oncology. Malabar Cancer Centre, Tellicherry, is another prestigious Institute under Government of Kerala that caters to 50% of Kerala population and hundreds of patients visit the centre from Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Mahe (Puducherry). There is an urgent need to set up a postgraduate institute of Oncological Sciences and Research in Kerala for creating trained professionals in the field of cancer treatment. The thrust of this Postgraduate Institute should be on education, training and research in cancer and related subjects. I earnestly appeal to the Government to set up such an Institute at MCC Tellichery, Kerala.