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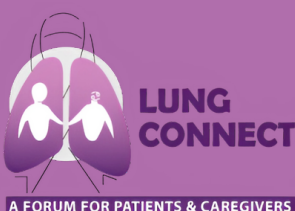
Lung Connect India Foundation

## What happened in the organisation last month?



Lung Connect India Foundation successfully conducted its 9th Year-End Review NGO Workshop on 20 December 2025 at Novotel, Mumbai. The workshop brought together a diverse group of stakeholders from across the lung cancer ecosystem, including patients, caregivers, NGOs, international collaborators, oncologists, representatives from the pharmaceutical industry, and policymakers, fostering meaningful dialogue and collaborative learning. Program Convenor Mr. Sanjeev Sharma, Director Lung Connect India Foundation, organised this session, which was moderated by patient advocates Mohammad Rizwan and Ms. Suchismita Das. Speaker presentations were delivered by Ms. Sameena Bilgi, Ms. Anita Peter, and Ms. Sachita Chawhan, followed by a comprehensive review of the past year's initiatives and the roadmap ahead, presented by Dr. Kumar Prabhash.

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# 9<sup>th</sup> YEAR END REVIEW- NGO WORKSHOP

**This page is for the first panel discussion in the event.**

Glimpse of our first panel discussion- "Increasing the Accessibility - Treatment, Clinical Trials, Palliative care, Rehabilitation" chaired by Mr Kishore Howale, Dr B.K Mishra and moderated by Dr Ullas Batra.



From treatment and clinical trials to palliative care and rehabilitation, this panel brings together global and national experts to discuss pathways for improving access to comprehensive cancer care.

Panelists- Dr. Akhil Kapoor, Dr. Dhanshri S Pradhan, Prateek Prakash, Rishi Maheshwari, Dr. Shani Shilo, Dr. Shashank Srinivasan, Dr. Tanvi Shinde, and Dr. Upal Basu.

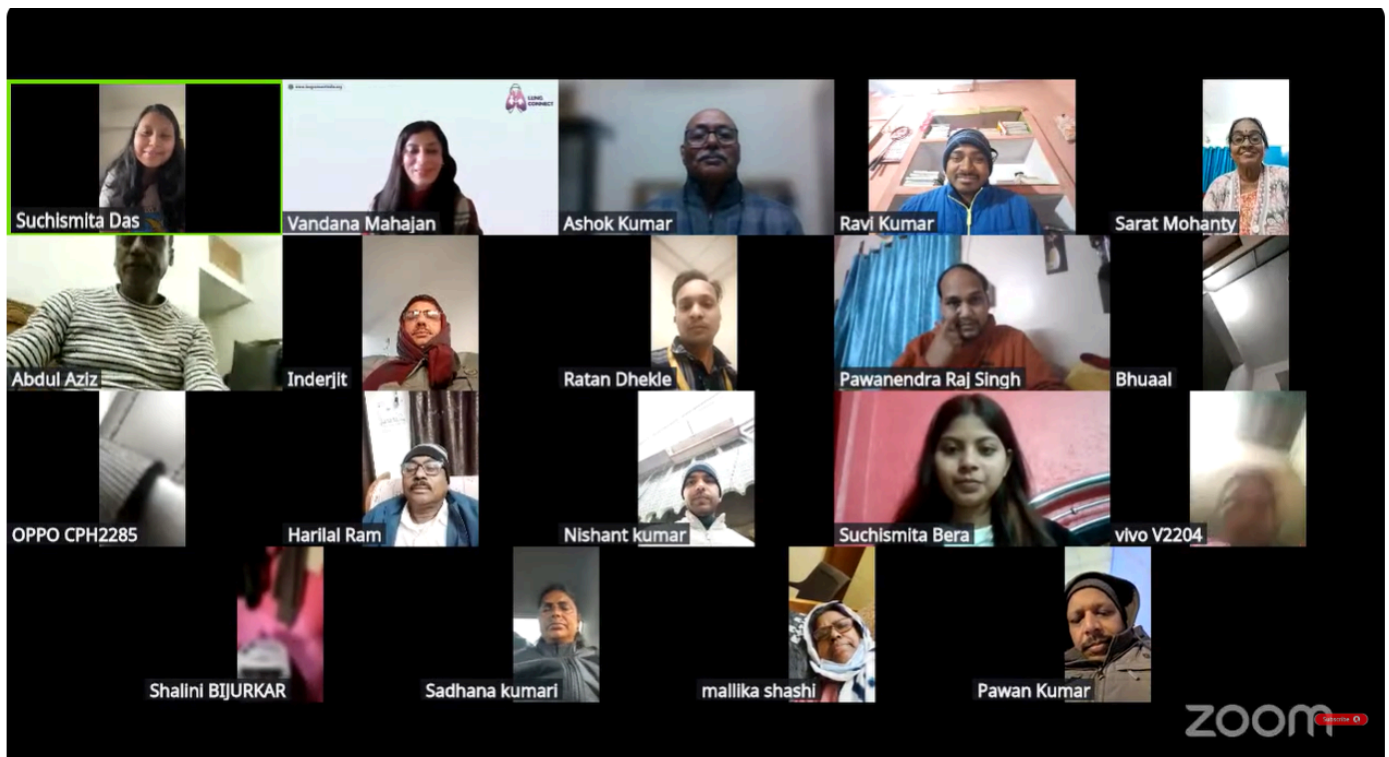
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Lung Connect India Foundation was honored to participate in the Lung Cancer Awareness event organized by Sir H. N. Reliance Foundation Hospital and Research Center on 19th November 2025.



As part of the panel discussion on "Beyond Treatment- Survivorship and Supportive Care", we highlighted the critical importance of early detection, the role of lung cancer screening, and the growing challenge of financial toxicity in cancer care.



## Support Group Meetings Fixed Time-Fixed Days

Mumbai Chapter- We have successfully conducted 163rd Support Group Meeting "Making Sense of brain metastasis in NSCLC" by Dr Deep Vora.

UP-Bihar Chapter- We have successfully concluded 161st Support Group Meeting "Strengthening Caregiver Support" by Acharya Rakesh.

Gujarat Chapter- We have successfully concluded 162nd Support Group Meeting "Foods that support immunity during cancer care" by Shruti B Bhardwaj.

Geriatric OPD Meeting- We have successfully concluded 43rd Support Group Meeting "When Care Meets Cost: Managing Finances during cancer" by Kishore Howale.



### Buddy Program

Navigating the complexities of lung cancer treatment can be overwhelming, which is why our buddy program plays a crucial role in the patient care experience. A buddy is a steadfast virtual companion who assists patients in managing the list of tasks that accompany treatment.





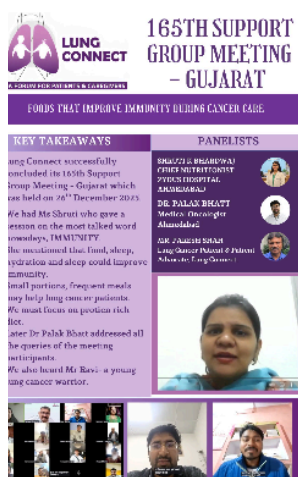
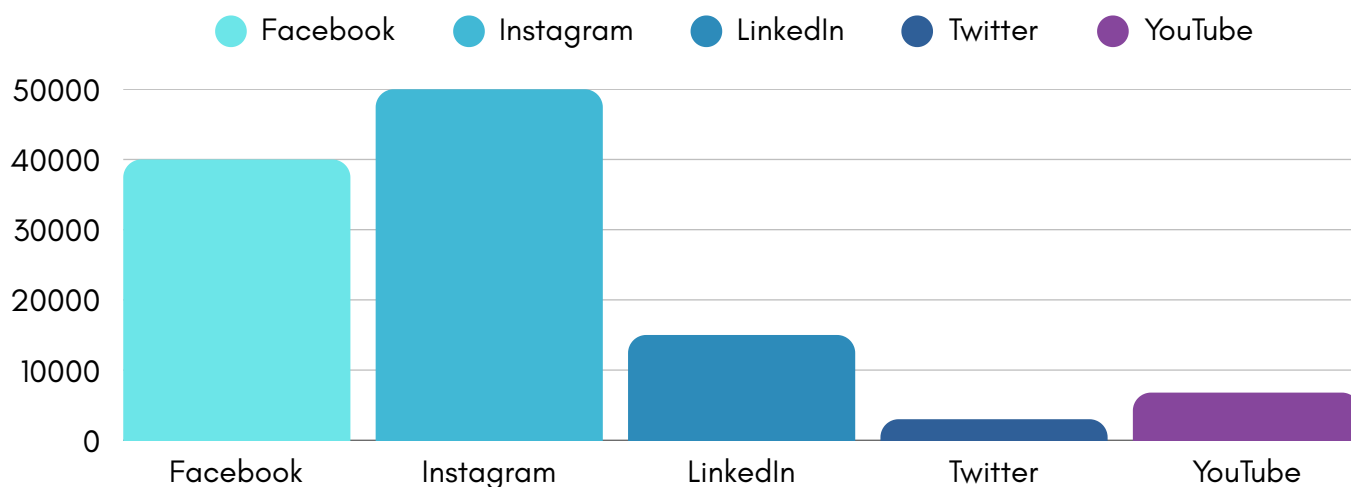
Request a Buddy



Become a Buddy

Buddy Program- Saath Nibhaaye, Hauslaa Badhaaye is a free of cost peer to peer support initiative by us. We have helped 280+ newly diagnosed patients/ caregivers till now.

# Glimpse of our Social Media



## OUR TEAM

We have a small yet dedicated group of people who have been directly affected by cancer as a team. They have turned pain, sorrow into a purpose.

# Ravi Prakash Memorial Award

We are proud to announce the recipients of the Ravi Prakash Memorial Award 2025, recognizing exceptional courage, compassion, and commitment within the lung cancer community.

Patient Category: Dr. Urvashi Prasad – for her resilience, strength, and inspiring advocacy as a patient voice.



Caregiver Category: Mr. Prabhat Ranjan – for his unwavering dedication, empathy, and selfless support to patients and families.



Patient Navigator Category: Mr. Jainendra Singh – for his tireless guidance, coordination, and commitment to improving patient access and care.