

## Field Visit of NIPI IV Activities in Odisha by the Ambassador of Norway



Her Excellency Ms. May-Elin Stener, Ambassador of Norway to India, accompanied by delegates from the Norwegian Embassy, visited Odisha as part of the NIPI IV field activities. In collaboration with the National Health Mission (NHM) and the Government of Odisha, the Ambassador inaugurated a training program in Bhubaneswar focused on scaling community-level cervical cancer screening. Senior state officials, including the Additional Mission Director of NHM, Odisha, attended the event.

During the visit, the Ambassador honored the 'community champions' from Cuttack for their contributions to a pilot cervical cancer screening project implemented by NIPI in collaboration with NHM Odisha. The project significantly increased screening coverage to 76%, a remarkable improvement from the previous rate of less than 2% using the existing VIA method.

Ms. Stener, along with a Senior Advisor from the Norwegian Embassy, also visited Gandhi Basti, where they interacted with members of the 'Mahila Arogya Samiti.' These community change agents will play a crucial role in mobilizing efforts for home-based cervical cancer screening.



















