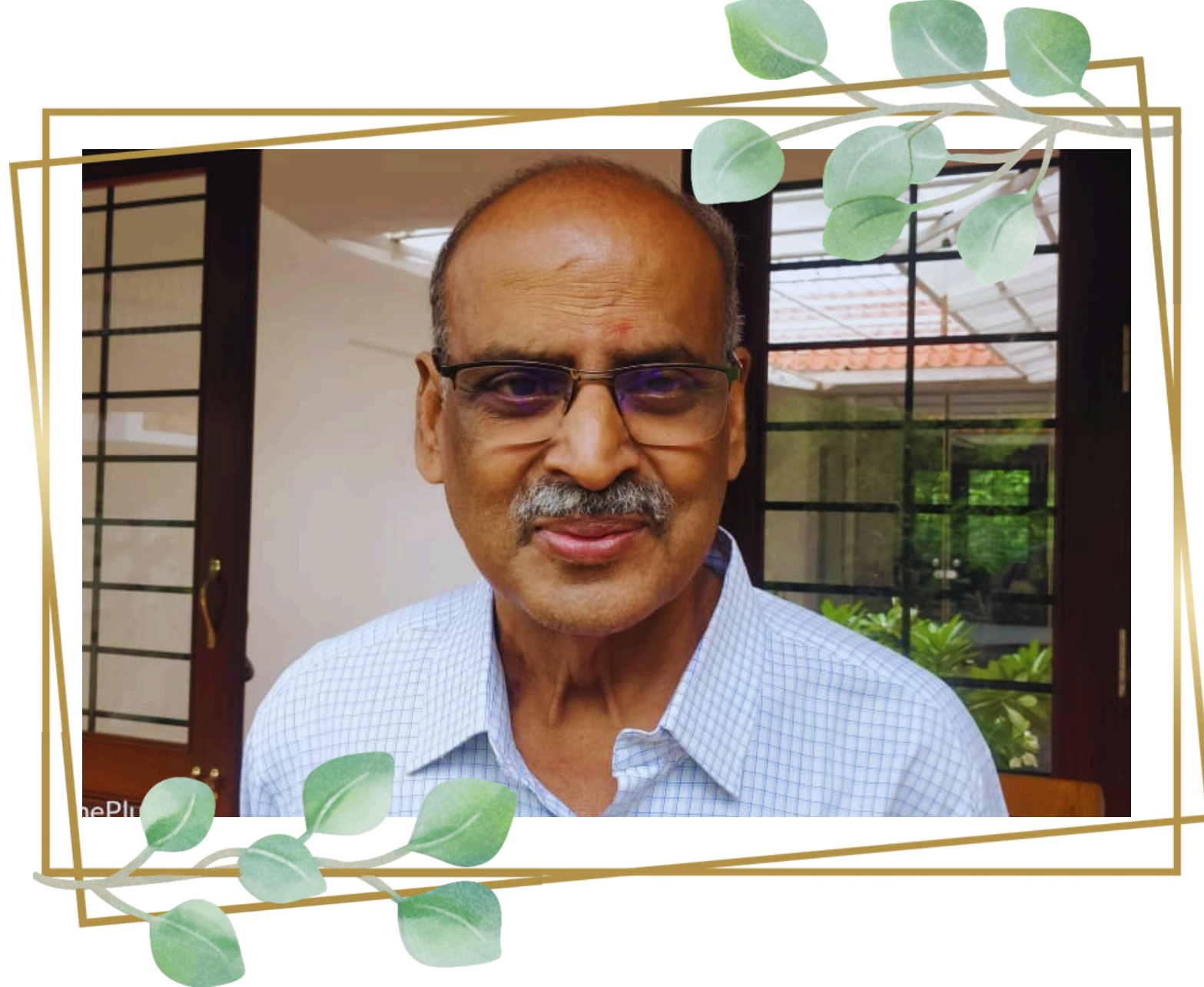


# *In Loving Memory of* **Dr. Rengaswamy Sankaranarayanan**

1952 - 2025



With deep respect and sorrow, AOGIN India mourns the passing of Dr. Rengaswamy Sankaranarayanan, a globally renowned figure in cancer prevention and public health, who departed on 3rd August 2025.

His absence marks a profound loss to the global health community and to all who had the privilege of working alongside him. Dr. Sankaranarayanan was internationally recognized for his pioneering efforts in advancing cancer screening strategies in low- and middle-income countries. A radiation oncologist by training, his passion for population health and early detection led him to become one of the most influential voices in cancer control worldwide. During his tenure as Head of the Cancer Screening Group and later Special Advisor for Cancer Control at the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), he led landmark studies that transformed the delivery of cervical, breast, and oral cancer screening in resource-constrained settings. His evidence-based work on visual inspection with acetic acid (VIA) and HPV testing laid the foundation for scalable, cost-effective screening programs that have benefited millions globally.

Dr. Sankaranarayanan's association with AOGIN India was marked by a spirit of collaboration and mentorship. His guidance enriched our programs, informed our research agenda, and inspired countless professionals to strive for meaningful change. He consistently championed the need for science-led, context-sensitive interventions, always grounded in the principle that every individual deserves access to preventive care, regardless of economic or geographic barriers.

His contributions were recognized with numerous international honors, but he remained deeply humble—valued not only for his intellect but for his integrity, warmth, and unwavering dedication to public health. He believed with conviction that no woman should lose her life to a preventable cancer, and his life's work stands as testimony to that belief. His legacy will endure in the lives saved, the systems improved, and the minds he mentored.

AOGIN India pays tribute to a remarkable leader and a deeply respected friend, philosopher and guide and extends its deepest condolences to Dr. Sankaranarayanan's family and loved ones. Though his presence is no longer with us, his vision will continue to illuminate our path.

**May he rest in eternal peace.**

**Asia-Oceania Research Organisation in Genital Infections and Neoplasia – India**