World Health Organization (WHO) report has released two global reports on February 4, which is World Cancer Day.

### WHO report on cancer burdens and patterns in India in 2018

**Aim:** The report aims to set the global agenda on cancer, mobilise stakeholders and help countries set priorities for investing in cancer control and universal health coverage.

**Key findings:**

- There are an estimated 1.16 million new cancer cases, 7,84,800 cancer deaths, and 2.26 million 5-year prevalent cases in India’s population of 1.35 billion.

- **One in 10 Indians** will develop cancer during their lifetime, and **one in 15 Indians** will die of cancer.

- The **six most common cancer types in India** are:
  1. breast cancer (1,62,500 cases),
  2. oral cancer (1,20,000 cases),
  3. cervical cancer (97,000 cases),
  4. lung cancer (68,000 cases),
  5. stomach cancer (57,000 cases), and
  6. colorectal cancer (57,000).

  Together, these account for **49 per cent** of all new cancer cases.

- **Of 5.70 lakh new cancer cases in men,** oral cancer (92,000), lung cancer (49,000), stomach cancer (39,000), colorectal cancer (37,000), and oesophageal cancer (34,000) account for 45 per cent of cases.
• Of 5.87 lakh new cancer cases in women, breast cancer (1,62,500), cervical cancer (97,000), ovarian cancer (36,000), oral cancer (28,000), and colorectal cancer (20,000) account for 60 per cent cases.

• Tobacco-related cancers account for 34-69 per cent of all cancers in men, and constitute 10-27 per cent of all cancers in women in most regions in India.

• An increasing trend in the incidence of oral cancer has been observed among men in the fourth to seventh decades of life, possibly as a result of increasing consumption of unregulated flavoured chewing products that contain areca nut, such as paan masala.