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## Aarogyam Bus to Screen for Cancer

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**Chennai:** Out of 1,100 women screened in the last seven months, the mobile team of Penn Nalam Hospital was able to diagnose seven cases of breast cancer and five cases of cervical cancer and all are undergoing treatment at the hospital and responding well, said Radhika Santhanakrishnan, Founder, Penn Nalam.

"This has been made possible only through mobile screening. Now the Penn Nalam team can screen more young women, which was not possible earlier. Because the Aarogyam Bus (mobile cancer screening bus) that was donated by Rotary Club of Madras East, costing ₹4 lakh has facilities to do sophisticated screenings for cancer," added Radhika.

The Aarogyam Bus is equipped with a lab and ultrasound equipment with which breast cancer, cervical cancer, ovarian cancer and other endocrine tumours can be diagnosed. "Since we have a lab facility, which is not available in our other mobile screening bus, it will be helpful to check for anaemia, blood sugar, blood pressure and cholesterol in women. All these screenings will be done at a minimal cost. This bus will travel to urban, semi-urban and rural areas, depending on the demand. We receive calls



from the public, then we will go to that particular area and screen," Radhika added.

There are 15 people in the mobile bus including specialists in oncoplastic surgery, gynaecology and radiology oncology,

social worker and awareness educator.

The bus was flagged off by Padma Bhushan Sudha Ragnathan, Carnatic Vocalist at Stella Maris College. The bus started its service last week and has been covering sub-urban places in Chennai first. N Sudhakar, immediate past president, Rotary Club of Madras East said, the bus was designed in such a way that it can enter into narrow streets. VGP Ravidas, President Rotary Club of Madras East also participated.

The bus can make its way into narrow streets and reach plenty of people in the suburbs