

HEALTH MINISTER LAUNCHES STEMI GOA PROJECT

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Minister for Health Shri Vishwajit Rane launched STEMI Goa project at a function organised by Goa Medical College and Hospitals Bambolim in association with the Directorate of Health Services Panjim and GVK EMRI held at New Auditorium cum Examination Hall at Bambolim today.

Speaking on the occasion Shri Rane said that these are the innovative steps that will help to achieve our mission of Saving Life .It is proud moment for us as a small state we are implementing STEM project in the state .Shri Rane said that when you drive the policy you have to think how you can save and make differences in somebody else's life. Shri Rane said that soon Super speciality hospital is coming up and with super specialty hospital it will create job opportunities for the students in the state of Goa .Shri Rane further said that there is need to build state of art facilities in the area of health care.

Shri Rane also applauded the services rendered by the doctors in GMC and said that health care and health services in Goa must be of certain level. We must get best expertise and best doctors from outside the state of Goa into the state.

Addressing the gathering, Health Secretary Shri J Ashok Kumar said that with the launch of STEMI project Goa is stepping into major mile stone. Goa is far better than other states in our country as far as health facilities is concerned he added. Shri Kumar further stated that Goa would be the first state which would be implementing this project by making use of technology to reduce the time taken for the cardiac intervention to address the STEMI patient.

On the occasion Dr Guruprasad Naik Medical Director, STEMI Goa Project briefed about the project. Dr Edward Dmello, Senior Physician informed that Coronary heart diseases, especially ST elevation Myocardial Infarction (STEMI or heart attack) are a leading cause of mortality globally and in India. Keeping in line with the aims and objectives of Ayushman Bharat, the STEMI-GOA project aims at taking the best health practices and modern technology to all parts of the state and benefit the rich and the

poor alike, Department of Cardiology at Goa Medical College is expanded to seven Cardiologists from the initial three cardiologists, Medical Officers from the selected STEMI sites under the Directorate of Health Services have been trained in latest guidelines and on STEMI Goa Project implementation, Cardiac ambulances are launched with each ambulance staffed by a trained doctor and advance EMT, Government is providing newer thrombolytic drugs to treat STEMI which are more efficacious, safer and easier than the earlier, these drugs are provided free of cost to all patients by Government of Goa he added.

Also present on the occasion Dr Rajnanada Dessai, OSD to Health Minister, Dr Pradip Naik, Dean of Goa Medical College, Dr Ida De Noronha de Ataide, Dean of Goa Dental College, Dr Shivanand Bandekar, Medical Superintendent, Dr Shirish Borkar, HOD of Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery, Dr Charit Bhograj, CEO Tricog Health Services, Dr Prathamesh Naik, President GARD, GMC, Mrs Purthi Patkar, Operation Head EMRI, Dr Virendra Gaonkar Director Healthway and Dr Victor Albuquerque Director Victor Hospital, Dr Sanjeev Dalvi Director, Directorate of Health Service welcomed the gathering Dr Radha Valaulikar, State Epidemiologist NPCDCS compered the function and later proposed vote of thanks.