

MOU SIGNED TO RAISE AWARENESS ON DIABETES

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"Goa's population is facing diabetes-related issues that are growing at an alarming rate. Immediate action is required to curb this menace so that the State does not face repercussions in the future," said Minister for Health, Women and Child Development, Shri Vishwajit Rane, said while speaking at the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Directorate of Health Services with Sanofi India Limited (SIL), to build awareness on diabetes and its management, for a better quality of life. Shri Rane further added, "We look forward to partnering with Sanofi in battling various non-communicable diseases, which are collectively known to be responsible for over 70 % of all deaths, worldwide."

Through this collaboration, Sanofi India's team of medical experts and diabetologists will educate and up skill the State Department's healthcare personnel serving the Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) cell and the Medical Officers of the Health and Wellness centers. The collaboration will also help to run the international programme KiDS (Kids and Diabetes in School), to raise awareness on diabetes amongst school children.

Managing Director, Sanofi India Limited, Shri N.Rajaram said, "Diabetes must be addressed both in clinics and hospitals, as well as in classrooms and homes. We are committed to working closely with States and policy-makers in their progressive efforts to fight Non-Communicable Diseases. The impact of this three years CSR partnership will strengthen our fight against the diabetes epidemic."

This partnership will follow a two-pronged approach. The first one is where the training on diabetes management will be conducted for the staff at RBSK cell and the Medical Officers of the Health and Wellness centres, as part of Ayushman Bharat. The other is where the education and engagement about diabetes amongst school children, teachers and parents will help curtail the overall disease burden on the state.

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