GOA’S SOTTO TO BE THE BEST IN THE COUNTRY: SHRI RANE

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We have to talk about organ donation because of lifestyle diseases and ailments requiring organ transplantation increasing. Unless a situation arises in our family where a person requires an organ transplant, people don't realise the value of organ donation, said Minister for Health, Shri Vishwajit Rane.

The Minister was speaking at the inauguration of the State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (SOTTO)’—‘Nave Jivit’-A New Life, a Deceased Donor Transplant Programme, at Goa Medical College (GMC), at Bambolim, today. On the occasion the HLA Lab-Histocompatibility and Transplant Immunology was also inaugurated and the Web Portal of SOTTO launched. ‘Nave Jivit’, Deceased Donor Transplant Programme.

There is a long way ahead and many challenges with regard to organ donation said Shri Rane laying emphasis on the need to counsel families on the importance of organ donation. Goa can further improvise and ensure that Goa’s SOTTO becomes one of the best in the country, he added.

Secretary, Health, Smt. Nila Mohanan, said that there is a need to create awareness in the public consciousness among Goans on the importance of organ donation. Everyone can play a role by speaking to their families, neighbours, friends, creating a public discourse on the topic.

Earlier, the Dean of GMC, Dr S M Bandekar welcomed the gathering. Director of NOTTO (National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation), Dr Vasanthi Ramesh, Joint Director, SOTTO, Dr Preeti Varghese, Director, Health Services, Dr Jose De Sa, were among those present on the occasion.

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