

PEOPLE'S PARTICIPATION NEEDED TO ELIMINATE RABIES: CM

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Government intends to eliminate rabies thereby making Goa rabies free and to accomplish this objective, people's participation is must. The Static Point Vaccination campaign intends to vaccinate every dog in the State wherein people have to cooperate with the stakeholders of Mission rabies who will visit door to door, stated Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant speaking after inaugurating Rabies Mukti Goa Static Point Vaccination Campaign at a function organized to commemorate World Rabies Day at Goa Science Centre and Planetarium Miramar Panaji [today](#).

The function was organised by the Directorate of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture Government of India, Goa Science Centre and Planetarium Miramar and Rotary Club of Miramar etc.

The Chief Minister, speaking further to make the rabies Free Goa campaign successful, urged people to get their dogs vaccinated. Take precaution while bringing dogs from outside States by vaccinating regularly. This he said will help to eliminate rabies from Goa.

The Chief Minister further lauded the endeavour of the Directorate of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services and Mission Rabies which has provided Goa with the honour of becoming the first rabies free State in the country. But our task is not yet finished; we have to initiate further steps towards the control of the dog population in Goa. There has been a rise in dog bites accidents etc, he said and appealed to the people to get their dogs registered, and to take proper care.

Director Mission Rabies India Shri Murugan Appupillai while speaking about the significance of Mission Rabies said since the launch of anti rabies drive six years back no cases of rabies have been detected in Goa. The Government has created an ideal example and needs to be followed by neighbouring States.

He said we are successful due to whole hearted support and cooperation of the Goa Government in controlling the spread of this disease in Goa. He appealed to the people to cooperate with the Mission Rabies in making Goa rabies free.

Project Director Mission rabies Mrs. Julie Carfmat while enlightening the participants about Static Point Vaccination campaign said rabies is a viral disease which can affect animals and humans. It's a grave and deadliest disease which can cost lives but at the same time is entirely preventable. Under the Static Point Vaccination Campaign the workers of Mission Rabies will visit door to door. Vaccination zones would be created, people have to bring their dogs to these zones for vaccination. She urged people to cooperate in the campaign to make Goa rabies free.

Thereafter the Chief Minister flagged off a rally organized to spread awareness about Rabies Mukta Goa Static Point Vaccination Campaign.

Mayor CCP Shri Rohit Monserrate, Secretary Directorate of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services Shri Sarpreet Singh Gill, IAS, Commissioner of CCP Shri Clen Madeira, Director Mission Rabies India Dr. Murugan Appupillai, Director Directorate of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services Dr. Agostinho Mesquita Deputy Director, Directorate of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services Dr. Prakash Korgaokar, President, Rotary Club of Miramar Rtn. Sonali Nagvenkar, Project Coordinator, Goa Science Center and Planetarium Shri Vilas Chaudhari Dr. Noel Fernandes, Deputy Mayor CCP Shri Sanjeev Naik Honorary Secretary PAWS, Panjim Mrs Shweta Sardesai were among those who attended the function.

Ms. Tamanna Sarah Warlikar compered the function while Smt Shehnaz Sharif proposed the vote of thanks.

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