

NVBDCP OBSERVES NATIONAL DENGUE DAY

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The Directorate of Health Services under National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme (NVBDCP) today observed National Dengue Day to raise awareness on Dengue fever and its prevention across the State. The State level function revealed the serious efforts of Health Services towards combating Dengue fever in the State and propagating preventive measures among the communities.

The function was organised by the National Vector Borne Disease control programme in collaboration with Ayushman Arogya Mandir - Urban Primary Health Centre, Margao at South Goa District Hospital, Margao.

The programme emphasised upon the theme Check, Clear and Cover to combat Dengue in a more effective manner by ensuring clean surroundings of the houses and fully covered water tanks and other materials preventing mosquitoes breeding which would contribute towards a clean environment and healthier society.

State Coordinator of Goa Samagra Shiksha Shri. John Silveira speaking as the chief guest for the function expressed the need for serious inter sectoral collaboration of various Departments and Agencies to battle against the menace of Dengue. Since Dengue is a life threatening disease, massive awareness and proper implementation of preventive measures should be created among the people and for that matter initiatives and efforts undertaken by the Directorate of Health Services are really commendable, Shri. Silveira pointed.

Deputy Director and Co-ordinator of NVBDCP Dr. Kalpana Mahatme informed the gathering about various initiatives undertaken by the Government to reduce and control dengue cases in the State and also elaborated on various reasons of spreading dengue among the communities. In 2023 and 2024 respectively, more than five hundred dengue cases were reported in the State and during this year till now 23 cases have been reported.

Dr. Mahatme said that this year Health Services has geared up to combat the dengue disease more effectively by informing the Primary Health Centres well in advance and implementing all the preventive measures in collaboration with other line Departments. She said that inter sectoral coordination is very much important to reduce and control the dengue in the State.

Dr. Mahatme stressed on the timely reporting of dengue cases which is very crucial to save the lives of patients and contain the spread of the disease. Dengue fever can be easily prevented provided people share collective responsibility in controlling the disease.

Medical Superintendent of South Goa District Hospital Dr. Rajendra Borkar urged all line Departments to work together to manage and control dengue fever in the State.

President of Lions Club, Margao Shri. Krishna Bagali said that people should keep their premises and surroundings clean and healthy to control dengue. He assured his support towards the mission of preventing dengue in the State.

Dr. Baptist Mascarenhas welcomed the gathering.

On the occasion prizes were presented to winners of reel making competition held on Dengue fever.

Dr. Pratistha Kunkolienkar compared the function. Dr. Sapana Sakhalkar proposed the vote of thanks.

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