

## **National Dengue Day (NDD)**

National Dengue Day was observed on 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 at Conference Hall of Directorate of Health Services. The Director DHS, Dr. Sanjeev Dalvi was the Chief Guest and Dy. Director Public Health, Dr. Jose D'Sa was the Guest of Honour. Chief Medical Officer of Family Welfare Dr. Vandana Dhume also attended the function.

Extension Educator, IEC Officers, Health Educators, Malaria Inspectors from various peripheral Health and staff of NVBDCP were the participations for the function.

Auspicious lamp was lit by the dignitaries to inaugurate the function. Dr Kalpana Mahatme Health Officer, NVBDCP welcome the gathering and said that the auspicious lamp once lit removes all darkness in the same way knowledge gained during the function from address from various dignitaries should help to pass the message to the community in the prevention of Dengue.

Dr. Chandrakant Porob, Dy. Director, NVBDCP drew the attention of the participants to these most rapidly spreading mosquito borne viral infection and its upsurge in the monsoon season in the recent past. He explained the various causes of spread of Dengue such as unplanned urbanization, poor maintenance of civic amenities, deficient water supply and storage, Industrial and Plastic scrap, tyres lying in the open, tender coconut shells, as some of the major cause of vector breeding as well as the domestic and Peridomestic small breeding sites. He also stressed that as there is no vaccine or drug to treat the diseases like dengue and chikungunya Source reduction to prevent vector breeding is very important to prevent outbreaks.

Dy. Director, Dr. J. D'Sa urged the participants to plan the activities in their peripheral unit as per the knowledge provided in this training regarding IEC/BCC with community participation along with Advocacy Workshops and this has to be completed before the onset of monsoons.

Director, DHS also stressed on the importance of observing the National Dengue Day so that the information about this disease is spread to the public to gain intersectoral support to fight this disease and urge the participants to spread the knowledge and information in the community and seek their participation. He also ordered the peripheral units and the surveillance system to be very vigilant and to keep the peripheral units in the state of preparedness for any outbreaks and rapid response team to be ready.

Same day i.e 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 in the evening District Level Coordination Meeting was held with all the Stakeholders, NGO's Incharge of peripheral units and other Government Departments for the Inter Sectoral Coordination under the chairmanship of Collector(North) at the Collectorate Conference Hall. For review of Vector Borne Disease in North Goa District which stress on Dengue control.

Collector North Goa urged all stakeholders to participate and support the Health Department in control measures. Directives were passed on to Labour Department, Public Work Department and Department of Municipal Administration for taking necessary measures to prevent Vector Borne Disease.

All the peripheral health centres shall be observing National Dengue Day at their respective Health Centres.



## **Filaria**

After successful implementation of Mass Drug Administration (MDA) for 8 years (2004-2011) and with a coverage more than 85% and microfilaria rate  $<1\%$ , state of Goa has qualified for Transmission Assessment Survey for stoppage of MDA. Two transmission assessment surveys have been carried out in 2013 and 2016 and both have shown that there is no indigenous transmission. Third transmission assessment survey will be conducted in 2018. Goa is on the way of elimination of Filaria.

