



One-day state level seminar on
“Goa's Response to Global Epidemics”

Organised by
The International Centre Goa
in association with
Directorate of Health Services and Indian Medical Association - Tiswadi

Saturday, 27th June 2015, 10 am to 5 pm
At The International Centre Goa, Dona Paula

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Introduction: In recent years the world has witnessed major outbreaks of epidemics such as dengue (2011), Ebola (2013) and swine flu (2015). The alarming frequency of cases reported from across the world has become a serious global public health concern. In the recent Indian swine flu outbreak of 2015, besides other states of India, Goa report 7 confirmed cases and one death.

In the background of the above, it is very important to review the state's capability to deal with this worldwide phenomenon. It is necessary to analyse the strategies presently being adopted in diseases monitoring and surveillance. There is also an urgent need to evaluate preventive healthcare facilities in order to enhance Goa's preparedness to such global epidemics in future.

Programme

9:00 am onwards REGISTRATION

10:15 am to 11:00 am INAUGURAL SESSION

Welcome Remarks by

Khwaja Ayub Zickriya, General Manager, The International Centre Goa

Introductory Remarks by

Dr. Jose D'Sa, Deputy Director, Public Health, Directorate of Health Services

Special Address by

Dr. Prasad Netravalkar, President, Indian Medical Association, Goa

Inaugural Address by

Chief Guest **Nila Mohanan (I.A.S.)**, Collector & District Magistrate – North Goa

11.00 am to 11:30 am Tea Break

11.30 am - 1.30 pm **WORKING SESSION 1: *Surveillance & outbreak response***

Chairperson: **Dr. Rajendra Tamba**, former State Epidemiologist, Directorate of Health Services

Speaker 1: **Dr. Utkarsh Betodkar**, State Epidemiologist/ State Surveillance Officer, Integrated Disease Surveillance Project, Directorate of Health Services

Speaker 2: **Dr. A K Mandal**, Port Health Officer, Port Health Organisation, Government of India

Speaker 3: **Dr. Umesh Kamat**, President, Indian Medical Association - Tiswadi

1.30 pm to 2.15 pm Lunch Break

2.30 pm – 4.30 pm: **WORKING SESSION 2: *Public health care & Goa's preparedness for future epidemics***

Chairperson: **Dr. Amit Dias**, Lecturer, Preventive & Social Medicine, Goa Medical College

Speaker 1: **Dr. Kedar Raikar**, Medical Officer, Incharge - Public Health Centre, Corlim

Speaker 2: **Smt. Jyoti Sardessai**, Deputy Director, Directorate of Food & Drugs Administration

Speaker 3: **Dr. Sunanda Amonkar**, Medical Superintendent, Goa Medical College & Hospital

4.30 pm to 5.00 pm : VALEDICTORY SESSION

Recommendations & Conclusion:

Co-chaired by Dr. Rajendra Tamba and Dr. Amit Dias

Valedictory Address by Chief Guest **Shri. Francis D'Souza**

Honourable Deputy Chief Minister & Health Minister of Goa

5:00 pm

End of the seminar