## Deputy Chief Minister to deliver valedictory address at One Day Seminar on Goa's Response to Global Epidemics to be held at ICG

Honourable Deputy Chief Minister & Health Minister of Goa, Shri. Francis D'souza will deliver the valedictory address at the one day state level seminar on "Goa's Response to Global Epidemics" to be held on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June from 10.00 am to 5.00 pm at The International Centre, Dona Paula. The programme is part of a series of seminars initiated at The International Centre Goa (ICG) on Goa specific issues. This programme is being organised in association with Directorate of Health Services and and Indian Medical Association, Tiswadi.

Nila Mohanan (I.A.S.), Collector & District Magistrate – North Goa will be the chief guest for the inaugural session and will deliver the inaugural address of the seminar. Khwaja Ayub Zickriya, General Manager, The International Centre Goa, Dr. Jose D'sa, Deputy Director, Public Health, Directorate of Health Services and Dr. Prasad Netravalkar, President, Indian Medical Association, Goa will also speak at the inaugural session beginning at 10.00 am.

Senior government officials, academicians and subject experts will make presentations which will be open for discussion. The speakers at the seminar include: Dr. Sunanda Amonkar, Jyoti Sardessai, Dr. Rajendra Tamba, Dr. Utkarsh Betodkar, Dr. A. K. Mandal, Dr. Umesh Kamat, Dr. Amit Dias and Dr. Kedar Raikar.

The main objective of the one day seminar is to discuss various issues with respect to strategies presently being adopted in epidemic diseases monitoring and surveillance, preventive healthcare facilities and Goa's preparedness to such global epidemics. The one day seminar will cover the following working sessions:

- 1. Surveillance & outbreak response
- 2. Public health care & Goa's preparedness for future epidemics

The programme will conclude with a valedictory session for suggestions and recommendations.

There are no registration fees for the programme and it is open to all those interested in attending. Kindly email your inquiries and registrations to <a href="mailto:pro@incentgoa.com">pro@incentgoa.com</a>

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