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Debate stresses importance of immunisation for every child



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Bhubaneswar, Nov 19: A panel discussion on immunising children against many life-threatening diseases was held at the event 'Ideate' organised by Bansidhar and Ila Panda Foundation in Bhubaneswar Saturday. Many eminent experts took part in the discussion where they emphasised on the need of proper immunisation to children from every social strata.

According to experts,

Orissa has one of the highest infant mortality rates in the country.

The immunisation coverage in the state was lower than the national average, due to which children here were more vulnerable to diseases. In his keynote address, T Jacob John, professor emeritus of Christian Medical College in Vellore, said: "Proper immunisation is a must to protect our children from many life-threatening diseases. We know how to protect them, but it is sad that we fail to

act and let a child get afflicted with such diseases or succumb to them. Full immunisation is the birth right of every child, irrespective if he is poor or rich."

Hemanta Kumar Mishra, additional director of child health, spoke about the grievous situation in the state.

He said, "Regular vaccination has helped the country to eradicate polio disease and now we have to work to eradicate other harmful diseases that affects our children. We are

making sure that all children in the state, both in rural and urban areas, are immunised."

He added that with the recently launched Rotavirus vaccination to protect children from diarrhea, the state government was taking every possible step to wipe out the disease.

Dr Rajiv Tandon, a reputed doctor from New Delhi, appreciated the state government's pro-active stand in introducing the new Rotavirus vaccines. Referring to the recent deaths of children in Malkangiri district due to Japanese Encephalitis disease, he said, "Only giving vaccination to children is not sufficient as even after immunisation, many children die due to malnutrition. We have to make sure that they get proper nutrition." Some experts said participation among people was very important to tackle the situation.

Other eminent speaker who participated at the event was Dr Amir Ullah Khan, policy advisor of the regional branch of Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Immunisation, birth right of child: Experts

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COMPLETE immunisation is the birth right of every child irrespective of their standard of living, said experts at a panel discussion on 'Immunisation for All: Improving Health of Children' organised by Bansidhar and Ila Panda Foundation (BIPF) in partnership with Global Health Strategies as part of their annual event Ideate-2016 here on Saturday.

Delivering keynote address, Emeritus professor of Christian Medical College, Vellore Dr T Jacob John said every child has a fundamental right to survive,

thrive and to grow. Full vaccination should be done in an effective manner as routine immunisation is still not reaching the places where it can do good and save the children, he added.

With socio-economic improvement and change of living standard, Dr John said many diseases have come down in incidences. TB cases, mortality of measles and whooping coughs besides the mosquito-borne diseases are on the decline. In fact, Sri Lanka and European countries have been declared malaria-free due to proper vaccination, he said.

In India, a child dies every minute from vaccine-preventable diseases and the country ac-

counts for almost a fifth of all global under-five deaths, a large number of which are caused by tuberculosis, pneumonia, diarrhoea and other preventable diseases. Odisha has one of the highest infant mortality rates in the country and full immunisation coverage is less than the national average which makes children in the State vulnerable to diseases.

Technical director of Maternal, Newborn, Child Health and Nutrition (MNCHN) of New Delhi-based PATH organisation Dr Rajiv Tandon appreciated the State Government's proactive stand in rolling out the new Rotavirus vaccine that reduces the

incidents of diarrhoeal diseases in children through routine immunisation programme.

Trustee and CEO of the Foundation Shaifalika Panda said immunisation is one of the most cost effective child survival interventions. "It is our continued commitment to increase awareness level on child health services in the State with an aim to reduce child mortality rate," she said.

Among others, Additional Director (Child Health), State expanded programme of immunisation, Hemanta Kumar Mishra, founder of Gram Vikas Joe Ma-diath and policy advisor of Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation also spoke.



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ଭୁବନେଶ୍ୱର, ୧୯।୧୧ (ଭୁ.ପ୍ର): ଇଞ୍ଡିଆନ୍ ମେଡିକାଲ ଆଣ୍ଡ ଫେରୋ ଆଲୟେଭ୍.ଲି.(ଇମ୍ଫା) ପକ୍ଷରୁ ସାମାଜିକ କ୍ଷେତ୍ରରେ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟ କାରି ରଖୁଥିବା ଅଂଶବିଶେଷ ବଂଶୀଧର ଆଣ୍ଡ ଇଲା ପଣ୍ଡା ଫାଉଣ୍ଡେସନ୍ ପକ୍ଷରୁ ଗ୍ଲୋବାଲ ହେଲଥ୍ ସ୍ତ୍ରାଟେଜିର ମିଳିତ ସହଯୋଗରେ ଶନିବାର 'ଇମ୍ଫାନାରକେସନ୍ ଫର ଅଲ: ଇମ୍ଫ୍ରଭିଙ୍ଗ ଚାଲନ୍ତୁ ହେଲଥ୍' ଶୀର୍ଷକ ଆଲୋଚନାଚକ୍ର ଆୟୋଜିତ ହୋଇ ଯାଇଛି ।

ଦେଶ ମଧ୍ୟରେ ଉଚ୍ଚିଶାର ଶିଶୁ ମୃତ୍ୟୁହାର ସର୍ବାଧିକ ରହିଥିବାବେଳେ ମଧ୍ୟପ୍ରଦେଶ ଦ୍ୱିତୀୟ ସ୍ଥାନରେ ରହିଛି । ଏଠାରେ ଶିଶୁଙ୍କ କ୍ଷେତ୍ରରେ ପ୍ରତିଷେଧକ ଟିକାକରଣ ହାର ଜାତୀୟ ହାର ତୁଳନାରେ ସର୍ବନିମ୍ନ ରହିଛି । ଏହାଯୋଗୁଁ ରାଜ୍ୟର ଶିଶୁଙ୍କ କ୍ଷେତ୍ରରେ ବିଭିନ୍ନ ରୋଗ ଦ୍ୱାରା ଆକ୍ରାନ୍ତ ହେବାର ସମ୍ଭାବନା ଅଧିକ ରହିଥାଏ । ମୁଖ୍ୟବକ୍ତା ଭାବେ ଯୋଗଦେଇ ଡାକ୍ତର ଟି. ଭାବବ କହିଥିଲେ, ଶିଶୁଙ୍କୁ

ପ୍ରତିଷେଧକ ଟିକା ପ୍ରଦାନ ଦ୍ୱାରା ବିଭିନ୍ନ ରୋଗରୁ ମୁକ୍ତି ମିଳିବାର ସମ୍ଭାବନା ରହିଛି, ମାତ୍ର ଆମେ ଶିଶୁଙ୍କ କ୍ଷେତ୍ରରେ ହେଉଥିବା ରୋଗ, ବିଭିନ୍ନ ରୋଗର ନିବାରଣ କ୍ଷେତ୍ରରେ ଅସଫଳ ଚିକିତ୍ସା ପ୍ରତିଷେଧକ ଟିକା ମାଧ୍ୟମରେ ପ୍ରତିହତ ହେଉଥିବା ରୋଗ ପ୍ରକୃତିରେ ଉପଲବ୍ଧ ନିବାରଣ ଉପଯୋଗ ସଠିକ୍ ଭାବରେ କରିବାରେ ଅସମର୍ଥ ହେଉଛୁ । ପ୍ରତି ଅଂଶାଦାରଙ୍କୁ ପ୍ରତିଷେଧକ ଟିକାର ମୂଲ୍ୟ ସମ୍ପର୍କରେ ଅବଗତ କରାଇବା ପାଇଁ ଏକ ସମନ୍ୱୟ କ୍ଷେତ୍ର ପ୍ରସ୍ତୁତି ସହିତ ଟିକାକରଣ ସମ୍ପର୍କରେ ସାଧାରଣ ଜନତାଙ୍କ ମଧ୍ୟରେ ସଚେତନତା ବୃଦ୍ଧି ଆବଶ୍ୟକ ବୋଲି ସେ କହିଥିଲେ । ଏହି ଆଲୋଚନାଚକ୍ରରେ ବିଭାଗୀୟ ଅଧିକାରୀଙ୍କ ସମେତ ବିଶେଷଜ୍ଞ ଅଂଗ୍ରହଣ କରିଥିଲେ । ଫାଉଣ୍ଡେସନ୍ର ଟ୍ରଷ୍ଟି ତଥା ସିନେଟ ସେପାନିକା ପଞ୍ଜା କହିଥିଲେ ଶିଶୁ ମୃତ୍ୟୁ ହାରକୁ ହ୍ରାସ କରିବା ଦିଗରେ ସଠିକ୍ ଟୀକାକରଣ ନିତୀତ କରୁରା ।