

CME on Haemovigilance Programme of India held at Srinagar

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SRINAGAR, Oct 05: One day Continuous Medical Education (CME) on Haemovigilance programme of India organised by National Institute of Biologicals & Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission, Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare in collaboration with National Rural Health Mission, J&K was inaugurated by Shabir Ahmad Khan, Minister of State Health here today.

In his inaugural Speech the Minister said State Government is committed to ensure that every person of the state has access to safe blood and blood products.

Shabir said that an adequate and reliable supply of safe blood is being assured through regular voluntary donation and the professional donors have been discouraged and are negligible. "There are many patients in the State who require timely access to some blood and its products and we have to ensure that in the process of blood transfusion, the recipient does not get infection like HIV, Hepatitis etc, adverse transfusion reactions due to the ignorance of healthcare professional", the Minister added.

The inaugural function was attended by Dr. Surinder Singh, Director National Institute of Biologicals, MoH&FW, GoI; Dr. Shakti Gupta, HoD, Deptt. Of Hospital Administration, AIIMS; Dr Yashpal Sharma, Mission Director NRHM, J&K; Dr Saleem Ur Rehman, Director Health Services Kashmir, Dr Ruby, Head of Department, Deptt. Of Haematology, GMC, Srinagar; G Selvaraj, Director of Drugs Control, Tamil Nadu, Satish Gupta, Controller Drug & Food Organisation J&K, Dr S. Manivannan, DDCI, CDSCO & other officers from Health & Medical Education Department and State Health Society NRHM, J&K.

The inaugural function was followed by presentations by Dr Surinder Singh, Director National Institute of Biologicals (NIB), Sudha V Gopinath, Scientist NIB, Akansha Bisht, Member Secretary Haemovigilance Programme (IPC) & Dr Shakti Kumar Gupta, HoD, Deptt. Of Hospital Administration and Medical Superintendent of RP Centre, AIIMS New Delhi on Haemovigilance Programme of India.

Following the presentations panel discussion was also held under the chairmanship of Dr Shakti Kumar Gupta in which he provided his valuable inputs.

Speaking on the occasion Dr Yashpal Sharma, Mission Director, NRHM J&K said that the CME on Haemovigilance is one step towards ensuring that the patients not only get safe blood but the blood reactions are also brought to minimal. He stressed that every blood reaction should be investigated and ensured that next time it is not repeated as the blood reaction can cost life to the patients, not only this have we have to ensure that errors during collection, testing & transfusion of blood are brought to minimal, he added.

Dr. Saleem-ur-Rehman, Director Health Services, Kashmir while speaking on the occasion thanked the organisers for holding such type of CME in the State.

The CME was attended by officers from Health & Medical Education Department, State Health Society, NRHM J&K, Drug & Food Control Organisation, field functionaries including Blood Bank incharges, Medical Officers and paramedics.