

Website for 'Planned Family Scheme' launched

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A website for the 'Planned Family Scheme' (PFS) was launched at a function held in the auditorium of G B Pant Hospital here today. The Principal Secretary (Health), Ms Archana Arora, chief guest of the function click started the website. The Chairperson, SSWB, Smt. Ratna Kannan also graced the occasion. The website has been developed by NIC for disseminating information to the citizens of the islands about planned family scheme through the internet.

Addressing the gathering, the chief guest stressed on the need for familiarizing the planned family scheme to the people, especially among the girl children of the islands through various means, so as to reach the



beneficiaries to make them aware of the benefit of the scheme. She said that the girl child is not a burden but an asset not only for the family but also for the society and the nation as well. There is, therefore, need to

educate her and remind her of the role, especially in family control and small family norms, she said adding that girls should also be provided equal opportunity in all sphere of life.

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The Principal Secretary said that this will go a long way in providing information regarding registration of beneficiaries, personal details, disbursement, finger prints and photographs of beneficiaries across the islands. The islanders should, therefore, be motivated to draw maximum possible benefit from the planned family scheme, she said.

The Director of Health Services, Dr. N Sadasivan, while speaking on the occasion, said that the website was needed for making transparency in the implementation of the PFS and the incentives it provides for the beneficiaries.

Dr. Avijit Roy, Member Secretary PFS Trust and Shri S Narayanan, State Information Officer, NIC were among others who spoke on the occasion. They threw light on the scheme and significance of the website in disseminating information to the islanders.

The students of School of Nursing presented a welcome song on the occasion. Earlier, Dr. D B Bairagi, Deputy Director (FW) welcome the gathering and the function concluded with the vote of thanks, proposed by Shri Arvind Kumar, Manager Syndicate Bank.