

Computerised registration under planned family scheme launched



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The National Informatics Centre, in association with the Planned Family Trust, Directorate of Health Services has developed and implemented the Planned Family System (PFS) software for the major activities relating to the Planned Family Project in these islands. At a simple function organized at the auditorium of the GB Pant Hospital today, the Development Commissioner, Shri Janak Digal launched the PFS computerization by handing over the registration cards to a beneficiary girl child.

Addressing the gathering on the occasion, the Development Commissioner appreciated the schemes run by the govt. for the betterment of the girls and underlined the need for bringing about social reforms by eliminating evils like dowry system etc. to provide the girl child their due status. "Girl child should not be seen as a liability but as an asset for which, attitudinal change is required", Shri Janak Digal, said adding that, "social evils cannot be controlled by bringing in law and regulations but only through social reforms".

Stating that the sex ratio is declining, the chief guest said that in State like Haryana the situation is worst where parents find it difficult to have match for their sons. "Isles have a better sex ratio when compared

to the National average and with high literacy rate there is need to bring the ratio 1:1 setting an example to the rest of the country". Shri Digal urged the doctors' community to play the anchor role as social reformers. He also handed over the first registration card to Ms Sneha Stephen, a student of Carmel School marking the launching of the PFS computerization.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chairperson State Social Welfare Board, Smt Shanta Laxman Singh, urged for taking up measures for population control by adopting small family norms, which, according to her, is the key factor for the development. She also suggested for allocating funds equally meant for the scheme in three Districts to enable the girl child avail the same in their respective Districts. She also urged for involving education Department and Social welfare organization for the meaningful implementation of the scheme besides earmarking a fixed day for the registration of the girl children in the scheme.

In his address on the occasion, the DHS Dr. N Sadasivan informed that the scheme of Planned Family is being implemented in this Union Territory since 1996 with the approval of MOH&FW for a total cost of Rs. 21.24 cores, which has now risen to Rs. 24 cores. About 30,000 girl children have been enrolled under

this scheme so far, he added.

Informing about the salient features of the Software, the Director NIC, Shri T. Narayan informed that the it includes facilities, among others, generation of all required reports and registers as per the formats of the Planned Family Trust, continuous monitoring of all activities associated with the processing of applications and registration from the receipt stage and provision of web enabling the entire software for access through Internet and Intranet modes.

In his address, Dr. Anutabh Dey, Member Secy, PF Trust said that scheme aims at promote small family norm, improve literacy of women, to delay marriage of women and to provide social security to women in old age. All girls in the age group of 13-21 years residing permanently in these Islands till 2000 AD can register their names at the age of 13. The program concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by the Dr JC Das, Deputy Director Family Welfare, Health Department.

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