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SHRI. B. M. PATIL MEDICAL COLLEGE, HOSPITAL & RESEARCH CENTRE, VIJAYAPURA

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY MEDICINE

Report of CME, titled "NUTURING TOMORROW: Bridging the Gap for a Healthy Environment & Child Health"

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On November 28th and 29th, 2023, in a groundbreaking initiative, first time in the state of Karnataka a training program addressing the impact of Climate Change and Child Health was successfully organized by the Department of Community Medicine at BLDE (DU) Shri B M Patil Medical College, Hospital & Research Centre Vijayapura in partnership with District Health & Family Welfare Department, Vijayapura and support from UNICEF, Hyderabad Office, India. This programme was unique since the training modules were developed by our faculty, the modules mainly focused on sensitizing climate change concept and health, Indoor air pollution, lead exposure and heat stress effect on children health. These modules are the first initiative in these topics and they are also translated into local language (kannada)

The capacity building program was titled as, "Nurturing Tomorrow: Bridging the Gap for a Healthy Environment and Child Health," this program aimed at equipping medical officers and Para medical workers including frontline workers with essential knowledge and possible actions to combat the health effects of changing climate on children.

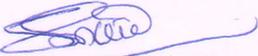
The inauguration ceremony witnessed the distinguished presence of Dr. Shivanand Mastiholi, District Surgeon Vijayapura, as Chief Guest and Dr. Sumangala Patil, Vice Principal Pre Para-Clinical, was President. Dr. Shridhar Ryavanki, Health Specialist, UNICEF, Hyderabad joined virtually and spoke about UNICEF's focus on "Healthy environment healthy child". Dr. Basavaraj Hubballi, District Health Officer (DHO), Dr. M C Yadavannavar, Head of the Department, Dr. Shailaja S. Patil, Professor, Dr. Jebunnissa Begaum Belagi, District Nodal officer for NPCCHH, Dr. Rekha Udgiri, Professor & Dr. M R Gudadinni,

Professor graced the occasion. Training modules for MO and FLW on "Environment & Child Health" was released by the dignitaries and was distributed as reading materials to all the participants.

Following the inauguration, a series of insightful lectures were delivered by resource faculty. Dr. Chandrika Doddihal, Associate Professor, who spoke on crucial connection between a healthy environment and child well-being. Dr. Tanuja Pattankar, Associate Professor, delivered talk on the impact of indoor air pollution on child health, while Dr. Shailaja S. Patil discussed the role of the health sector in responding to a changing climate. Dr. Mohamud Sharif, State Nodal Officer NPCCHH, provided insights into programmatic aspects. Dr. Rashmi Hullalli spoke on the effects of heat stress on child health, and Dr. Pooja Todalabagi, Assistant Professor, focused on lead poisoning and its implications for child health. Real-life case scenarios on Lead poisoning and Heat stress were discussed by Pediatricians Dr. MM Patil and Dr. SS Kalyanshetter, offering practical insights to the engaged audience.

This collaborative and comprehensive training program marked a significant first step towards enhancing the preparedness of healthcare professionals in addressing the complex challenges at the intersection of climate change and child health in Vijayapur district of Karnataka with around 100 medical officers and paramedical workers participating in this program as trainees.

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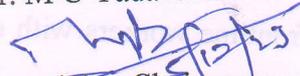


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