

Experts discuss role of technology, innovation in achieving malaria elimination goal

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Malaria No More's Science, Technology and Innovation Conclave brings experts together



Malaria No More (MNM) hosted the 'Science, Technology and Innovation Conclave' which brought together healthcare experts to discuss and improve India's strategy for malaria elimination.

The conclave featured sessions on malaria in India, research and development for malaria elimination, industry perspectives and recommendations to help India meet its malaria elimination target. Stakeholders from the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, World Health Organization, India Meteorological Department (IMD), Indian Council of Medical Research, National Centre for Vector-Borne Disease Control, and industry were present at the conclave. The conclave was hosted at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi.

Dr PK Sen - Principal Advisor, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare said, "There is a need to leverage technology and innovation to move forward in our efforts to achieve malaria elimination".

Dr PL Joshi - Former Director, erstwhile NVBDCP (currently NCVBDC) said, "The task ahead is to address the urgency of tracking all cases with efficient surveillance, for this, we need to use information technology effectively supplemented with community engagement, quality control and capacity building".

Dr Chitra Gupta - Director - Healthcare, US-India Strategic Partnership Forum commented, "The US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) is committed to supporting the Government of India's National Framework for Malaria Elimination in India by 2030. Multi-sectoral collaboration, public-private-people partnerships and technology-led solutions will pave the way forward for a robust malaria control programme, and we look forward to working with our partners like Malaria No More to achieve these goals together".

Dr Kaushik Sarkar, Director, IMACS, Director In-charge, Malaria No More India said "I urge all stakeholders to come together

to collectively solve a centuries-old scourge in the next five years by connecting the dots”.