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Health Ministry to develop strategic framework and roadmap for dengue control

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States urged to initiate a plan of action for dengue management and control



Union Health Secretary, Rajesh Bhushan inaugurated a two-day technical symposium to develop a strategic framework and roadmap for dengue control in India. The purpose of this symposium being organised by the National Center for Vector Borne Diseases Control (NCVBDC), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) is to bring together identified ministries, states, govt institutions and development partners under a common platform to develop strategic framework for dengue control and envision a country roadmap with the objective of maximising efficiency through convergence of efforts across multiple dimensions.

Addressing the gathering, Bhushan emphasised on the importance of timely detection and reporting of dengue cases for effective management and control. He also suggested for dengue to be incorporated under the MoHFW's Integrated Health Information Platform where 33 diseases are already covered.

The Union Secretary emphasised on inter-sectoral convergence and continuous effort from all stakeholders. He urged all states to initiate a plan of action by the end of the two-day brainstorming. A future roadmap will be developed involving the subject experts with one-platform approach with robust strategy for dengue control in India.