

# Rural areas to have dialysis facilities soon, says Rane

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**Panaji:** The state government has plans to make dialysis facilities available in all primary health centres across Goa taking treatment of kidney ailments to the door step of people in rural areas, health minister, Vishwajeet Rane said on Saturday.

Rane was speaking as chief guest at a conference on 'Frugal Innovation in Health Care' organised by the Goa Institute of Management (GIM) and Xandev Foundation. At the conference held at the GIM campus in Ribander, Rane said that the state government already successfully introduced health care facilities such as 108 ambulances, diabetes mobile van, emergency rooms, etc under public private partnership (PPP) model.



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And, he stated, that the government is now planning to provide super-specialty treatment facilities in the state also under the PPP mode. Rane said that the state is also looking to provide super-specialty treatment in neo-natal care. He also said that talks are on with an Israeli firm to tie up in super-specialty treatment on PPP basis in Goa.

"In a small state like Goa a lot of things can be done and the PPP model has proven very helpful. I would also ask delegates at this conference to give suggestions to improve the health sector further in Goa," he said. The conference discussed frugal (avoiding waste) innovations in health care of the various initiatives of Goa government. Rane said that Goa could be a model state in frugal innovations paving the way for others to follow.

GIM professor, Ajit Parulekar, alongwith his team presented an analysis on the economic and health indicators for BRIC (Brazil, Russia, India and China) countries. GIM proposed that with cost control one could spread the healthcare net wider and make it accessible to the less privileged sections of our society, hence the need to focus on cost effective healthcare. The conference on frugal innovation in health care was a continuation of GIM's drive to make relevant healthcare costs effective and accessible to all.

The conference concluded with a case study by Fr Joe Pereira (Padmashree) of the Kripa Foundation on Alcoholism Addiction and HIV Treatment which is done at Kripa at practically no cost. This conference is proposed to become an annual feature at GIM.