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Health Ministry to focus on oral health promotion

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Ashwini Kumar Choubey, Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare recently released the manual on oral health promotion for health workers and school teachers at a function to mark the World Oral Health Day.

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The oral health manual for health workers is a comprehensive output for training frontline workers on oral health promotion as it familiarizes the frontline workers with features of healthy mouth.

Preeti Sudan, Secretary (Health) stated that there is an urgent need to get these manuals translated in other languages so that people from other states can also benefit from it. The manual also connects the teachers to the parents and the communities at large, reiterating the concept of an Integrated School Community. She added that there shall be school health ambassadors under Ayushman Bharat programme to promote preventive health in schools.

Also present at the function were Shri Dr. B.D. Athani, DGHS, Sh. Sanjeeva Kumar AS (Health), Sunil Kumar (Joint Secretary) along with other senior officers of the Ministry and AIIMS.