

Spine care experts to launch National Injury Prevention Week pan India

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The first-of-its-kind initiative will bring together various associations on a common platform



The Spinal Cord Society, Indian Orthopaedic Association (IOA), Association of Spine Surgeons of India (ASSI) and Indian Spinal Injuries Centre (ISIC) in association with 10 other societies, have launched the first-ever National Injury Prevention Week under the aegis of the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW). The programme, launched in 10 cities across India including the national capital, will continue till September 7, to build awareness about injury prevention through education, research, and advocacy.

The first-of-its-kind initiative brings together the Indian Association of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (IAPMR), Indian Head Injury Foundation (IHIF), Chandigarh Spinal Rehab, The Association of People with Disability, The Spinal Foundation, KARA Medical Foundation, Spine Wellness and Care Foundation, Be Brave and Nina Foundation as well. The programme was launched virtually in Delhi, Chennai, Mumbai, Kolkata, Cuttack, Pune, Lucknow, Hyderabad, Patna, and Bhopal followed by wheelchair sports and cultural evening in Delhi.

Under the National Injury Prevention Week, outdoor activities will be held across India, with a prime focus on activities in schools and colleges for sensitizing the younger generation towards injury prevention. Experts called for a wider 'National Injury Prevention and Control Program' with an integrated multi-sectoral approach at Centre and State levels, appointment of a nodal agency with appropriate authority and budget, and strengthening of the National Injury Surveillance System in a phased manner, starting with mandatory data collection from all hospitalised injuries like other notifiable diseases.