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MESSAGE



I am very happy to learn that the Association for Prevention and Control of Rabies in India (APCRI) is organizing 12th National Conference in July 2010 at New Delhi with the theme of the conference "Joining hands for a Rabies free India by 2020".

Rabies has become endemic in India affecting approximately 20,000 people every year. The majority of people who die of rabies due to non-vaccination, belong to low-income group in rural areas.

Government is making all out efforts in ensuring the availability of anti-rabies injections in all Government hospitals. At the same time, efforts are being made to control the population of stray dogs through mass vaccination.

I am delighted to know that APCRI through the medium of such conferences is also taking initiatives to create mass awareness amongst medical fraternity as well as public, towards this ever increasing menace. I hope, this conference will be a further step forward in the direction of having "Rabies free India".

My best wishes to the organizers and to the Association for the Conference and for all their future endeavours.


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