

## **DENGUE AWARENESS PROGRAM FOR ATTENDERS AND HOSPITAL WORKERS AT AARUPADAI VEEDU MEDICAL COLLEGE AND HOSPITAL**

**The type of the awareness raising activity this report carries:** - interaction with hospital workers and attenders of **Aarupadai Veedu Medical College and Hospital**.

**Date:** - 28/07/2017

**Time:** - 2.30pm – 3.30 pm

With the aim of combating the deadly disease Dengue, Department of Community Medicine from Aarupadai Veedu Medical College and Hospital organized a special DENGUE AWARENESS PROGRAM. **Dr. D. Arunachalam**, Associate Professor Department of Community Medicine conducted an Awareness program on the day to acquaint the Attenders and Hospital Workers about the symptoms, preventive and remedial measures of Dengue, thereby encouraging the staffs to spread awareness about the disease among the masses.

In his speech, he emphasised on the fact that “not like mosquitoes that transmit Malaria, mosquitoes that transmit Dengue lay their eggs in small man-made containers filled with water. This means that without individual household efforts to eradicate these breeding sites it is not possible to effectively control the spread of dengue. Individual effort to control the mosquitoes is necessary to prevent and control the spread of dengue in the community. At the same time, community action can provide support to individuals to keep their households mosquito free.”- he said.

### **Contents of the Programme: -**

The programme content and coverage focused on –

- Predominance of Dengue in India & Pondicherry
- Type of Dengue - signs & symptoms of Dengue Fever, DHF and Dengue Shock Syndrome
- Vector & host of Dengue – type of mosquitoes; transmission of infection
- Actions to be taken to prevent & control Dengue
- The level of community knowledge and awareness about Dengue prevention & control.

### **Response of the Programme: -**

Participants were present at the ENT Seminar hall and took the programme very seriously and actively participated in the interactive session with **Dr. D. Arunachalam**. They have asked numerous Dengue & its prevention related questions. The program was both interactive and effective.



