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**The Aims and Objectives of APCRI**

1. To bring out regularly a bulletin of the association, which will cover the various scientific aspects of Rabies and will keep us updated regarding newer developments on this fatal disease. It should be the aim of the Editor to maintain a simple yet practical approach in the discussion on various topics.
2. To organize workshop/seminars/symposia/CME programmes on this subject in different parts of our country. These programmes will be organized in collaboration with the local branches of Indian Medical Association, Indian Academy of Pediatrics, Association of Community Medicine, Association of Physicians of India, and other non-government organizations.
3. To undertake a national epidemiological surveillance to study the true figure of rabies deaths in our country so that we know the real extent of this disease and its distribution in our country.
4. To work for improvement of stray dog control measures with a humane approach and strict implementation of laws of licensing of pets by municipal authorities and routine immunization.
5. To lay emphasis on the practice of proper post-exposure treatment procedure and increase vaccine coverage.
6. To appeal to all authorities for the gradual phasing out of nerve tissue vaccine and its replacement by cell culture vaccine as early as possible in the Government hospitals and health centers.
7. To appeal to the medical community regarding the importance of serovaccination therapy of category III (WHO) cases and work for availability of safe and cheap rabies immunoglobulins at a subsidized rate from government sources.
8. To undertake multi-centric studies in the Government as well as private Rabies treatment centers regarding the pattern of bites, types of biting animals, categorization of exposure, type of therapy and proper follow-up.
9. To invite and involve veterinary medical personnel, public health nurses and social service workers in this group and to form a rational protocol of working together towards the cause of rabies prevention.
10. To establish relation with research groups in WHO and other important centers and organizations, both inside and outside the country who have dedicated and distinct work and contributions to this subject.