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## Gold mining, cyanide dust lead triggered respiratory ailments: Raghuveer

KOLAR: The study of Anatomy, Physiology and Biochemistry should be mandatory for medical students pursuing Neurosciences, said Sri Devaraj Urs Academy of Higher Education and Research (SDUAHER) vice-chancellor Dr C V Raghuveer.

He was speaking after inaugurating a state-level convention on 'Cognitive Neuro Sciences and Its Change' at Deveraj Urs Medical College here.

"There is a presumption among students that Anatomy, Physiology and Biochemistry branches have no future which is a myth. Hence, many students are unwilling to study these branches. A strong



SDUAHER vice-chancellor Dr C V Raghuveer speaks the statelevel convention at Deveraj Urs Medical College in Kolar.

knowledge of these branches is inevitable for the study of Neurosciences. Therefore, the government should make the study of these branches as mandatory for students pursuing Neurosciences,"he said.

"Dust generated by gold mining and cyanide cliffs have adversely affected residents and resulted in respiratory problems among communities in mining areas in and around KGF. There should be a debate at higher-levels about consequences of mining activity on community health for treatment and rehabilitation," he said.

Raghuveer advised students not to view medical profession as an avenue to make money, but as a platform for social service.

Dr A V Moidien Kutty, Registrar said: "We are training a team of doctors from Botswana, a country in Southern Africa, in the treatment of heart attacks, accidents, intensive care unit and burns. We've made these services available in that country. We've facilities enabling doctors from abroad to study at the institution."

"We've finalised a plan to commission satellite health centres at taluk headquarters to provide quality medical servcies to the public. It has also been decided to set up mobile clinics to provide medical services at doorsteps of poor people in rural areas," he added.

SDUAHER chancellor Dr S Kumar, SDUAHER Principal & Dean, Faculty of Medicine, Dr M L Harendra Kumar, R L Jalappa Hospital and Research Centre's Medical Superintendent Dr V Lakshmaiah, Dr A Bhaskaran, Dr Matangi, Dr M V Shobha and Dr Govindraj were present.

Over 200 medical experts from Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Pondicherry presented papers.

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