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Monitoring and managing HIV/AIDS in India

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ndia holds third rank in AIDS prevalence with over 2 million cases. The country's first case of HIV/AIDS was reported in 1986, and since then the virus has spread across the nation. Both the serotypes one and two occur in India, and the sub-type HIV-1 C is the most common. The disease spread mainly due to sexual transmission. Statistics show that <5% of people in India use condoms for birth control, since the culture dictates that women undergo sterilization or take birth pills. Prostitution plays a key role in disease spreading among heterosexuals in major towns and cities. The National AIDS Control Organization has managed to contain the disease from going out of control. But, healthcare experts are concerned that India does not spend enough funds to

monitor and manage the diseases effectively. Therefore, the government must spend more budget allocation to go all out to combat the diseases from further spreading.

Speaker Biography

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