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Injury prevention week is on in city

Chennai: Spine care experts have joined hands to launch the maiden 'National Injury Prevention Week' in Chennai under the aegis of the Union health ministry.

Participating bodies include Spinal Cord Society, Indian Orthopaedic Association (IOA), Association of Spine Surgeons of India and Indian Spinal Injuries Centre (ISIC) and 10 other prominent societies. The programme, which will continue till September 7, aims at building awareness about injury prevention during accidents through education, research, and advocacy. Outdoor activities will be held across TN with prime focus on activities in schools and colleges for sensitizing the younger generation. "The number of injured is 10 times more than the dead and primary prevention plays a critical role," Dr B Shiva Shankar, president of IOA.