



A leading neurologist from Andhra Pradesh, Dr Bindu Menon <u>@drbindumenon</u> started 'Neurology On Wheels,' the country's first and only medically-equipped van exclusively dedicated to neurological patients in 2015, and in the past four years, the van has covered 23 remote villages in Andhra Pradesh.

In addition to Neurology On Wheels, in 2016, Dr Menon launched Epilepsy Help, an app which sends alerts to families of epileptic patients in emergencies like sudden seizures and also started a country-wide toll-free 24X7 helpline which provides crucial information about neurological disorders. "Before Neurology on Wheels, I had little idea about the scary healthcare scenario in these villages. I cannot pinpoint how much of a dent my services have made, but one thing is for sure?—the awareness has certainly improved in the villages I visited," she remarks. "We provide medicines

for a month for at-risk patients or those with minor disorders. Critical patients are registered under the ambit of our foundation, and we completely fund their treatment. We also provide all long-term medication and treatment for impoverished families," informs Dr Menon. "Because, at the end of the day, being a physician is all about serving the people." Excerpts from conversation with The

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