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### No-Tobacco Day to be observed

Staff Reporter

KOCHI: A multi-centric project Quit Tobacco India 2, co-ordinated by Achuta Menon Centre of Sree Chitra Institute, Thiruvananthapuram, would be launched here on Monday at the Njarakkal Community Centre on the occasion of World No-Tobacco Day.

The project would be made part of the Rural Health Training Centre of Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences at Njarakkal, Alappuzha Medical College and Pariyaram Medical College and a media kit would be released simultaneously at all three centres. M. K. Purushothaman, MLA, would inaugurate the function to be held at Njarakkal at 10 a.m.

The informative kit depicts various diseases related to tobacco's effect on health, details of tobacco production and environmental effect of tobacco smoke.

Prathapan Nair, principal, Amrita Medical College, would release the media kit. Among various other programmes on World No Tobacco Day, noted playback singer K. J. Yesudas would inaugurate the function at 5 p.m.organised by the Anti Tobacco Movement at Amrita (ATMA), a students' initiative started at the Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences in 2002.

In another function, Dominic Presentation, MLA would inaugurate the World No Tobacco Day programmes at Lisie Hospital.

K. Narayna Kurup, former acting chief justice, Madras High Court, would lead the pledge for the day.

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