

More heart diseases by 2020: Doc

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July 9: By 2020, India will have the largest prevalence of heart disease in South Asia and if a committed effort is not made to tackle this, it would result in heavy manpower loss to the nation, said Dr S. Thanikachalam, director of cardiac care center, Sri Ramachandra University, on Thursday.

He was addressing a gathering after the inauguration of the 'heart failure clinic' set up by Sri Ramachandra medical center.

"Cardiovascular diseases are rapidly increasing among the Indian population and in most cases people take treatment only during the last stages due to failure in identifying symptoms," Dr Thanikachalam said.

"The motive of the installation of the heart failure clinic is not only to provide state-of-the-art medical treatment but also to identify the state of the heart failure and the high risk group, so that proper steps can be taken to slow down the tempo of the cardiac disease," said Dr Thanikachalam.