

World rare disease day observed

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The Molecular Diagnostics Counselling Care and Research Centre (MDCRC), Coimbatore, conducted an awareness campaign on Wednesday on Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD) to mark World Rare Disease Day. Police Commissioner K. Periaiah flagged off the campaign at Uppilipalayam junction signal.

Students from Hindustan College of Arts and Science and Jeyandra Saraswathi College of Arts and Science took part in the awareness programme.

Resource persons with



Police Commissioner K. Periaiah flagging an awareness campaign to mark World Rare Disease Day at Uppilipalayam traffic signal in the city on Wednesday.

MDCRC said that an awareness campaign on DMD was conducted on World Rare Disease Day to educate the public on the lethal genetic disorder that causes progressive muscle degeneration and weakness in boys.

"Although categorised as

rare disease, DMD is nothing but a neglected disease which affects only the male children in an outsized number in Tamil Nadu as compared to the world statistics," said B.R. Lakshmi, founder and head of MDCRC.