

DMD demystified at awareness day event



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Marking the World Duchenne Awareness Day. A special event was organized by Molecular Diagnostics, Counseling, Care and Research Centre (MDCRC).

Delivering address as chief guest, Dr. Ashokan said besides appreciating MDCRC for taking care of the children they also deserved appreciation for instilling confidence in their parents. Parents participating enthusiastically in the event bore testimony to the kind of the work being done by MDCRC, he said.

Sharing similar views Ramesh Adoni mentioned that MDCRC is doing an excellent job and that the Noble Foundation is always there to help them.

Welcoming the participants, Dr. B.R. Lakshmi, Director, MDCRC, said that their vision 2020 is to ensure that Tamil Nadu will

be a state where no kid with DMD will go unidentified. She pointed out how out of every 3500 children born globally, 1 is afflicted by the disorder. This is the 5th edition of the event that has been conducted since 2014.

She pointed out how the 7th day of the ninth month has been chosen as the World Duchenne Day because it symbolizes the 79 exons in the dystrophin gene. She urged everyone to help spread further awareness about DMD.

18 children, afflicted with the disorder dressed like renowned Tamil poet, Subramania Bharathiar, sang 'Nenjukkneedhium', to thunderous ovation from the crowd.

Other cultural events included, children dancing to the tune of 'Bum Bum Bole', a song from the movie 'Tare Zameen Par', as well as a humorous skit from the mothers of the children.