

'No kid in Tamil Nadu with DMD should go unidentified'

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A state-level symposium on 'Integrated Model of Rehabilitation for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy', organised by the Molecular Diagnostics, Counselling, Care and Research Centre (MDCRC) in association with the Government of Tamil Nadu, National Health Mission, DPH and Indian Association of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, was held recently.

MDCRC, a non-profit organisa-

tion founded by Dr BR Lakshmi is stepping into its 12th year of serving children affected with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD), a genetic neuro-muscular disorder which mostly affects boys, and their families. The Vision 2020 of MDCRC is that 'no kid in Tamil Nadu with DMD should go unidentified'. Its primary motto is 'Sci-

ence should reach mankind'.

According to a press release, Dr Feroz Khan, consultant in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Mohana Orthotics, Prosthetics and Rehabilitation Centre, Chennai and chairman, Academic Committee of IAPMR addressed the gathering. The release added that it is important to focus on

improvement in function, with whatever the child with DMD can do. The children are born fine, but due to the progressive nature of this X-linked degenerative disorder, they succumb to it during their early twenties. So far, there is no cure for this disorder.

Dr K Vijayan, Dr Noorul Amin, Dr Venkatsass, Dr Vani, Dr S Devaprasath, Dr Shalini H Kumar, Suraj Manikandan, Salih and Navaneetha Ravichandran, M Preethika presented all about DMD. A 'Train the Trainers' manual was also released on the occasion.

"In children with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, the muscles are not able to do what they are supposed to do. Once we understand the problem, then it easy to manage the children —Dr Feroz Khan, Consultant



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