

# **National Epilepsy Day Celebrations**

**BY EPILEPSY CARE & RESEARCH FOUNDATION**

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## **A) FLAGGING OFF EPILEPSY AWARENESS VANS BY HON'BLE HEALTH MINISTER, RAJASTHAN.**

On 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2014 . on the occasion of National Epilepsy Day, Hon'ble Health Minister of Rajasthan Shri. Rajendra Singh Rathore flagged off vans for creating Epilepsy awareness in the city and rural areas. On this occasion minister said , epilepsy is not a curse but completely curable. There are many myths prevailing in the people , they make the patients smell shoes and get them treated for being possessed by spirits instead of taking them to doctors , he said. Shri. Rathore praised Dr. R.K.Sureka , former professor Neurology for working in the field of epilepsy

for last 25 years.

## **B) EPILEPSY AWARENESS PROGRAMME AT JAIPUR FOR NURSING , HOMEOPATHY AND PHYSIOTHERAPY STUDENTS AND THEIR FACULTY**

On the eve of National epilepsy Day public awareness programme was organized by Epilepsy Care & Research Foundation at Swasthya Kalyan Bhawan, Sitapura, Jaipur which was attended by 500 nursing students, homeopathy students, physiotherapy students and teachers and other students.

Dr R K Sureka, Former Professor , Neurology Department, SMS Hospital ,Jaipur & Chairman of the Foundation was main speaker who gave an awareness talk on understanding “Epilepsy”. He threw light on various aspects of epilepsy like various misbeliefs , misconception regarding epilepsy , treatment of epilepsy and special situations like women with epilepsy, children and epilepsy and elderly with epilepsy .After the talk , question answer session was held and prizes were distributed to students who gave correct answers. Shri.Ram Charan Bohra, MP from Jaipur , was the chief guest. Dr S.S Agrawal, President Elect IMA, Chairman of Swasthyan kalyan Group of colleges presided over the function.

On this occasion an **Exhibition** on various aspects of Epilepsy was also organized which was attended by more than 500 students and faculty members. This proved to be very informative for them.

### **C) EPILEPSY AWARENESS PROGRAMME AT RATAN NAGAR (DIST CHURU) RAJASTHAN**

**Epilepsy Care and Research foundation** is working for the welfare of Epileptics in rural areas of Rajasthan since last 20 years. Dr R.K. Sureka, Former Professor , Dept of Neurology, and Additional Principal, S.M.S. Medical College Jaipur is holding free monthly rural camps at Ratan Nagar, Dist Churu in Rajasthan and where about 5500 patients from all over India are registered. Every month on first Tuesday about 600 epileptic patients visit the centre and a team of Doctors (Neurologist, psychiatrists and physician) attend to them and distribute medicines to all patients for full one month every month since last 20 years. Besides this every 2 months exhibitions on Epilepsy by way of posters and audio visuals aids are organized .

The **240th camp** was held on **11th November** at Ratan nagar where **National Epilepsy Day** was celebrated. As reported by Dr R.K. Sureka a **Exhibition** depicting the various facets of Epilepsy was organized and visited by residents of the village , patients and their relatives

where people were educated about Do's and Don'ts. On this occasion 658 patients were examined and distributed free medicines for full 1 month. Similarly an audio visual film was also run for the Epileptics. A **painting competition** was also held for Epileptic children below 16 yrs of age and best five paintings were rewarded. A run for “ Fight Against Epilepsy” was flagged off by Shri. Rahul Kotki . S.P. Churu.



Photo 1: Release of information brochure on Epilepsy by Shri. Rajendra Singh Rathore . Hon'bl Health Minister , Rajasthan



Photo 2: Flagging off Epilepsy awareness Vans by Hon'ble Health Minister, Rajasthan



Photo 3: “ Dr. R.K. Sureka “ giving Epilepsy awareness talk for students at Swasthya Kalyan Bhawan



Photo 4: Run for Fight Against Epilepsy at Rural Epilepsy Cam. Churu

