



World Down Syndrome Day 2014 - Kerala

Report on WDS 2014 from Kerala State, India

State Level Inauguration at Calicut:

The World Down Syndrome Day 2014 was observed all over Kerala as in the previous years by the Indian Academy of Pediatrics (IAP) and the Down Syndrome Trust (DoST). The State level inauguration of the programme was organized at IMA Hall, Calicut at 4.30 pm. The Chief Guest of the Programme was Adv.M.Veerankutty, Chairman, State Commission for Minorities. The meeting was presided by Dr.Shaji Thomas John, Chairman of DoST and State President of IAP. Mr.Sajal Mohammed, Dr.EK Suresh Kumar, Dr.Mohandas Nair, and Dr.CM Krishnakumar spoke on the occasion. Mr.P.Vijayan, President of Parents Support Group welcomed the gathering & Mr.Nasser Babu, Secretary of DoST Support Group proposed the Vote of thanks.

This was followed by entertainment programmes by children with Down syndrome and the students of DoST Special School for children with Special Needs. The entertainment programme comprised of solo dances, group dances, solo and group song, mimicry, etc. The highlights were the Indian Classical Dance 'Mohiniyattam' performance by Ms.Dhanyan Vijayan, the magic show by Master Ismail and the dance recital by the two sisters with DS Ms.Aiswarya and Ms. Arundhathi. Prizes were given to all the participants.

Earlier in the day awareness programmes and classes were taken at the Institute of Maternal and Child Health (IMCH), Medical College, Calicut, The Malabar Institute of Medical Sciences (MIMS) and Baby Memorial Hospital.