

Report on World Down Syndrome Day Seminar

The **World Down Syndrome Day Seminar** was successfully organized by the **Department of Allied and Healthcare, SVYASA University**, with the aim of raising awareness and fostering a deeper understanding of the challenges and care required for individuals with Down syndrome.

Inauguration & Opening Address

The event commenced with **Dr. Nidhi B Iyer** conducting the session as the master of ceremonies, ensuring a smooth flow of the program. A **soulful prayer by Dr. Ashwathy** set a serene and positive tone for the day. **Dr. Sriraghunath, Dean of Allied & Healthcare**, delivered the welcome address, emphasizing the significance of awareness and inclusion in healthcare.

The inauguration was graced by the presence of **Dr. Sridhar Sir (Academic Director)**, **Geetanjali Ma'am (HOD Management)**, **Bharathi Devi (IQAC Coordinator)** who extended their support and encouragement.

The seminar witnessed active participation from **100 students (BOT+BPT+BSC CP+MSC CP)**. Additionally, **Dr. Aishwarya from Prashanthi Kutiram Campus**, accompanied by **five BPT students**, also attended the session.

Key Speaker Insights & Activity

The seminar featured enlightening talks from distinguished speakers:

1. **Dr. Nisha Buchade (Gynecologist & Gynae-Oncologist)** – She highlighted the importance of **early diagnosis and treatment** for children with Down syndrome, stressing how timely interventions can significantly enhance their quality of life.
2. **Dr. Ambika S. Udupa (Developmental Pediatrician)** – She provided a deeper understanding of the **developmental aspects of Down syndrome** by conducting an **interactive activity**, allowing participants to experience the difficulties faced by individuals with Down syndrome, fostering **greater empathy and awareness** among attendees. Her talk focused on the challenges these children face and the importance of personalized, supportive learning approaches.

Towards the conclusion, **Dr. Chaitrali** delivered the **Vote of Thanks and Closing Remarks**, expressing gratitude to all the speakers, dignitaries, and participants. **Dr. Bindu** extended her support throughout the event, ensuring its seamless execution. **Dr. Shrisha** took charge of presenting the **token of appreciation** to the esteemed dignitaries, acknowledging their valuable contributions.

Today's seminar provided **invaluable insights** into the **multifaceted care for children with Down syndrome**. By integrating expertise from both gynaecology and developmental pediatrics, the event emphasized the **need for a holistic, interdisciplinary approach** to care. The knowledge shared, coupled with experiential learning, has empowered attendees to contribute more effectively to the well-being of individuals with Down syndrome.



