

Report of
WORLD HEARING DAY PROGRAM



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We speak because we hear. Hearing is arguably one of the most important special senses we are blessed with. To celebrate this special sense and bring about awareness regarding the problems, preventive measures and solutions with regards to hearing loss, the Department of Otolaryngology, Kodagu Institute of Medical Sciences celebrated the WHO World Hearing Day 2018 on the 3rd of March, Saturday.

The day long program began with orientation and briefing of patients attending the Otolaryngology Out-patient Department at the teaching hospital about hearing loss and preventive measures that need to be followed, by the audiologist Ms. Sneha. This was followed by an orientation program to the Medical students.



The World Health Organization information materials was used for the same. This material was translated to the local language Kannada to facilitate understanding. The brochures were distributed to patients attending the hospital Out-patient Departments.

There was a formal inaugural ceremony at 3.30 p.m following which Health care providers in the hospital were addressed by the Department faculty.

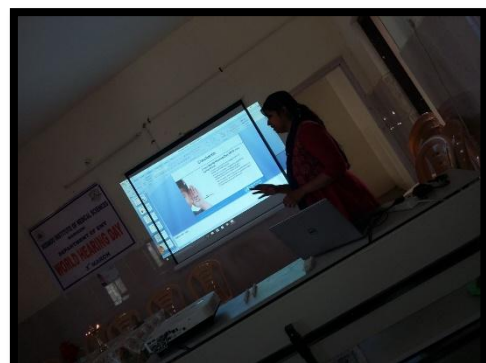
The inaugural ceremony was graced by Dr. Vishal Kumar, Principal, Kodagu Institute of Medical Sciences, Dr. Manjunath, Resident Medical Officer, Dr. Shwetha, in-charge Head, Department of ENT and Nursing Superintendent Mrs. Meena Kumari.



Dr.Nalina delivered the Welcome address and compered the event. The lighting of lamp by dignitaries followed to implicate the eradication of the darkness of ignorance by the brightness of knowledge. Dr.Vishal Kumar addressed the gathering regarding the rising prevalence of hearing loss and the need to “hear the future and prepare for it”. Dr.Manjunath spoke on the importance of celebrating the World Hearing Day.



This was followed by a lecture by Dr.Shwetha addressing the health care providers on the issue of hearing loss, its rising prevalence, required measures to be taken for prevention and protection of hearing and treatment and rehabilitation of patients with established hearing problems.





The lecture on the causes of hearing loss and the need for routine and regular audiological evaluation by audiologist Ms.Sneha followed this, who also emphasised the need for screening of patients at risk and new-born screening. The event concluded by the vote of thanks proposed by the Speech therapist and Audiologist Mr.Pancham.



The program involved around 100 patients, 50 medical students and around 75 health care providers including doctors, staff nurses and para-medical staff.