

FACULTY OF ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES

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World TB day commemorates the date in 1882 when Dr. Robert Koch announced his discovery of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, the bacteria that causes TB. This year's World TB Day theme "Wanted: Leaders for a TB-free World. We can make history. End TB" highlights the importance of engaging and empowering leaders in public health, government, medicine and communities in effort to eliminate TB. Each year we commemorate World TB Day on March 24 to raise public awareness about the devastating health, social and economic consequences of tuberculosis (TB) and step up efforts to end the global TB epidemic. So to battle to eradicate Tuberculosis (TB), Department of Medical Lab Technology, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences (FAHS), Aarupadai Veedu Medical College Campus, Puducherry organized Rally program for the students. Dr. B. Sendil Kumar, Dean, FAHS and Dr. Meenakshi Sundaram, Head, FAHS initiated the thoughts of the students for rally program. A hundred numbers of students took out a rally on Saturday, March 24th2018 to mark the World Tuberculosis Day. Flagged off by Mr. Zahir Hussain, Sub-Inspector of Police, Kirumambakkam and Dr.Maharaj, Dean, Aarupadai veedu Medical College and Hospital, in the presence of Mr. Chillapillai, Medical Superident, AVMC, Dr. Sethumadhavan, Vice Principal, Dr. P. Sugandhi, Academic Coordinator, Dr. S. Kanimozhi, Assistant Professor, Mr.Chandru, Administrative Officer, FAHS. The rally passed through important thoroughfares in the town Kirumambakkam before culminating at the Conference Hall, AVMC, Puducherry. Students raised slogans urging people to approach the nearby health centres immediately, if they had symptoms of tuberculosis.

Following the rally, FAHS also organized an awareness program for the students and Guest Speakers Dr. Bhaskar, Chest and TB control, Dr.Sivaraj, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Pharmacology, Dr.Varatharaja Perumal, Associate Professor, Department of Pathology, Aarupadai Veedu Medical College and Hospital, Puducherry, said that tuberculosis was contagious and spread through air. If not treated properly, each person with active tuberculosis would infect on average 10 to 15 persons every year. The infected patients were undergone for sputum testing, culture analysis, drug resistant and treatment in the government hospitals and primary health centres. Office members Mr. Prabhu Raj, Mr. Riyaz and Mr. Senthil Kumar participated in the rally that started from Kirumambakkam to Aarupadai Veedu Medical College and Hospital. This activity created a positive impact in the communities of Kirumambakkam, educating them of Tuberculosis.







