

SRM COLLEGE OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

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World Occupational Therapy Day–Community Outreach Program

THEME: *Screening and awareness program on Neurodevelopmental Disorders*

Date: 21-Nov-2024

Venue: Government Aathidravidar primary school-Nandivaram, Guduvanchery

The SRM College of Occupational Therapy has conducted on behalf of celebrating World Occupational Therapy Month October 2024 with a community outreach program that has focused on “*Screening and awareness program on Neurodevelopmental Disorders*”. Awareness of neurodevelopmental disorders is essential for early detection and intervention, which can significantly enhance the quality of life for children with neurodevelopmental disorder.

The Outreach program was held on 21st November 2024 in “*Government Aathidravidar primary school-Nandivaram, Guduvanchery*”. A total of 21 teachers, parents and students were participated. This event was organized under the guidance of Mr. D. Anbarasu, Associate Professor at SRM College of Occupational Therapy and Mrs. Sreelekha S, Assistant Professor at SRM College of Occupational Therapy. The sessions were conducted by the Occupational Therapy internship students Dhavamani G, Vinita E, Jayashree S, Janavi sree R, Gokul Ram S and Dayanidi SK.

The Awareness program focused on educating participants about Neurodevelopmental Disorders including their signs, symptoms, and the importance of establishing effective roles and routines. It also highlighted the crucial role of occupational therapists in supporting children with Neuro Developmental disorder. The program included screening for early signs of these disorders in children, aiming to facilitate timely intervention and provide the necessary support.

The session included a question-and-answer segment where teachers and parents received personalized guidance and practical strategies from Mr. D. Anbarasu, Associate Professor at SRM College of Occupational Therapy, to support children with Neurodevelopmental

Disorders. The event provided an opportunity to enhance understanding of Neuro developmental disorder and connect with professionals for expert advice.

Outcome of the program: The Neuro developmental disorder awareness program emphasized on active participation and valuable feedback from teachers and parents regarding their experiences and two children were referred for occupational therapy services in SRM by the school teachers with their parents consent.



