

SRM COLLEGE OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY-

KATTANKULATHUR

CONTINUING OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY EDUCATION (COTE)

THEME - BEHAVIOURAL MANAGEMENT FOR PERSON WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER.

DATE: 2nd APRIL 2025

VENUE – HIPPOCRATES AUDITORIUM, 3rd Floor, SRM MEDICAL COLLEGE

World Autism Awareness Day is a crucial occasion dedicated to enhancing awareness and understanding of autism spectrum disorder (ASD). It highlights the importance of fostering inclusivity by encouraging communities to support individuals with autism and break down barriers of discrimination. Additionally, the day underscores the ongoing need for research, resources, and advocacy to ensure better support and increased opportunities for people with autism.

The event was inaugurated by our esteemed **Pro Vice-Chancellor (MHS), Dr. Nithin M. Nagarkar**, alongside the **Medical Superintendent, respected Dr. R. Venkatraman and respected Dr. R. Arul Saravanan**, Professor and Head of Department of Psychiatry. Their presence and insightful words set the tone for an engaging and educational experience.

The event started with the **welcome address** by our respected **Dr. U. Ganapathy Sankar**, Dean, SRM College of Occupational Therapy, SRMIST.

The **Presidential address** was delivered by our respected **Dr. Nithin M. Nagarkar** Pro Vice chancellor (MHS), SRMIST.

The **inaugural address** was delivered by our respected, **Dr. R. Venkatraman Medical Superintendent, SRMIST,**

The **special address** was delivered by our respected, **Dr. R. Arul Saravanan**, Professor and Head of Department of Psychiatry, **SRMIST**.

The **introduction to the chief guest** was done by respected **Mr. D. Anbarasu**, Clinical Coordinator, Associate Professor, SRM College of Occupational Therapy, SRM IST, who highlighted his significant contributions and expertise in the field.

The **chief guest address** was delivered by our eminent resource person respected **Dr. B. S. Virudhagirinathan, Clinical Neuropsychologist and Director of the Care Institute of Behavioral Science**. His speech provided valuable insights and inspiration to the attendees.

Finally, the event ended with the **Vote of Thanks** delivered by our respected **Mrs. Grace Lydia Sarojini.**, Vice Principal, SRM College of Occupational Therapy, SRMIST. Our chief guest, respected **Dr. B. S. Virudhagirinathan**, Clinical Neuropsychologist and Director of the Care Institute of Behavioral Science, has delivered an insightful presentation on the theme "**Behavioral Management for Person with Autism Spectrum Disorder**". He shared his enormous knowledge to the students which was very much enlightening.

Following the Session, a **panel discussion** provided a platform for parents to engage with experts and seek guidance on managing behaviors associated with autism. The panel featured respected **Dr. B. S. Virudhagirinathan**, respected **Mr. D. Anbarasu**, Associate Professor at SRM College of Occupational Therapy, respected **Mrs. Prasitha P**, Associate Professor at SRM Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology, and respected **Mrs. Radhika Balaji**, Special Educator at SRM Medical College Hospital & Research Center. This interactive session offered valuable insights and addressed parents' concerns, making it a highly engaging discussion.

To celebrate World Autism Awareness Day, SRM Autism Centre of Excellence, SRM Medical College Hospital & Research Center organized a **series of events on March 22, 2025**, to **highlight and appreciate the remarkable talents of children**. Activities included a

running race, a drawing competition, origami, and a greeting card contest, culminating in a prize distribution ceremony. The event saw enthusiastic participation from **64 children and 70 parents**, with every child receiving a participation prize. Parents shared positive feedback, praising the event for fostering inclusivity and providing practical guidance on supporting children with special needs.

The event was a great success and all the credits and thanks belong to our respected Dr. U. Ganapathy Sankar, Dean, SRM College of Occupational Therapy, SRMIST for organizing this great event.































