

INTERNATIONAL EPILEPSY DAY 2024 - REPORT

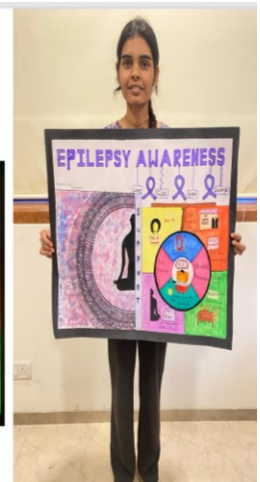
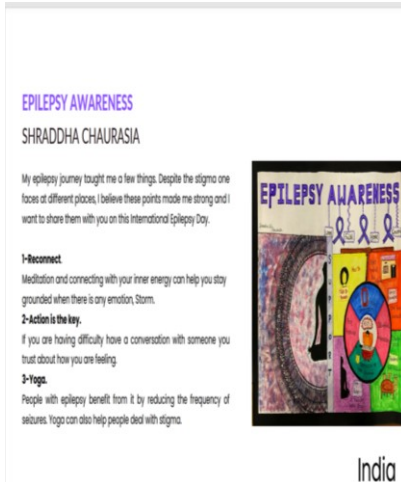
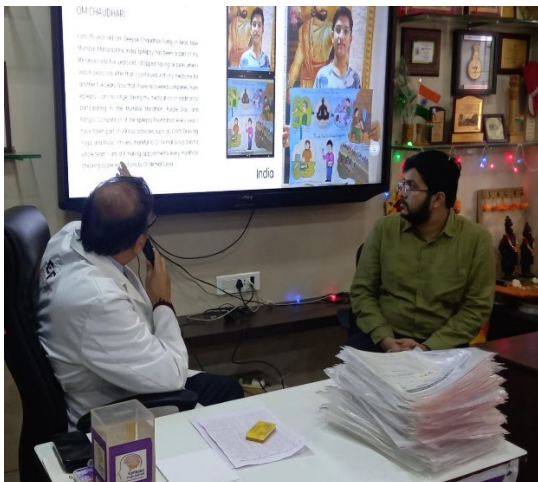
“Milestones on My Epilepsy Journey”

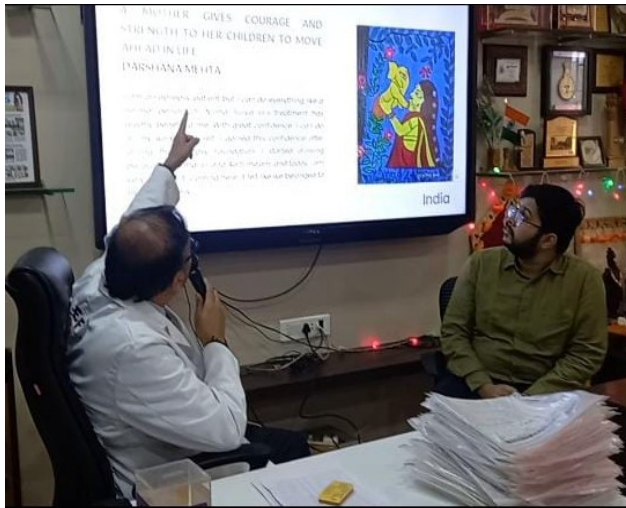
13th February 2024, 1:00pm – 03:00pm

On 13th February 2024, Tuesday, **Epilepsy Foundation India** celebrated **International Epilepsy Day**. Painting competition was conducted for Children’s with Epilepsy, many children has showed their creativity.



Dr. Nirmal Surya, Founder Trustee & Chairman, Epilepsy Foundation gave brief information about Why International Epilepsy Day is celebrated and the theme for this year was “Milestones on My Epilepsy Journey”. He also shared the Art with Stories of Om Chaudhry 15 years old, Shradha Chaurasiya, Darshana Mehta, Yashraj Singh & EEG Technician Pooja Benwal who participated in IBE Virtual Art Exhibition.





BLACK MAGIC & MYTHS IN EPILEPSY

POOJA BENWAL

For the past several years, I have been working as an EEG technician in rural areas and giving EEGs to patients in camps. When interacting with persons with epilepsy at camp, I realize that many of them have not gone to the doctor or sought treatment because of misunderstandings and fear. This picture illustrates how many rural patients are misguided and told that black magic causes epilepsy. Hopefully, they will visit a proper doctor and receive regular treatment.

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A MOTHER GIVES COURAGE AND STRENGTH TO HER CHILDREN TO MOVE AHEAD IN LIFE.

DARSHANA MEHTA

I am an epilepsy patient but I can do everything like a normal person. Dr. Nirmal Surya sir's treatment has greatly benefited me. With great confidence, I can do all my work by myself. I gained this confidence after joining the Epilepsy Foundation. I started drawing because of Nirmal sir and Aarti ma'am, and today I am very good at it. Coming here, it felt like we belonged to the same family.

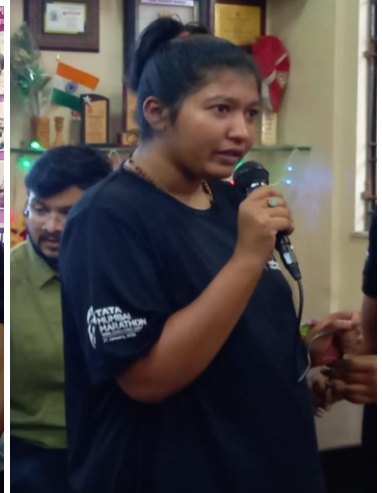
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I, Yashraj Singh, a 20 year old now who is active and has a better mind than it was in the year 2013 when I was 10 years old. I was a very quiet, introverted child who didn't speak much nor did ever get with somebody, like I usually didn't even have many friends or any I could say... I know my change wasn't so prompt but it was a huge change in my environment back then and now, as I said at the start, yes, I am a 20 year old who is now active and has a better mind than it was 10 years back.

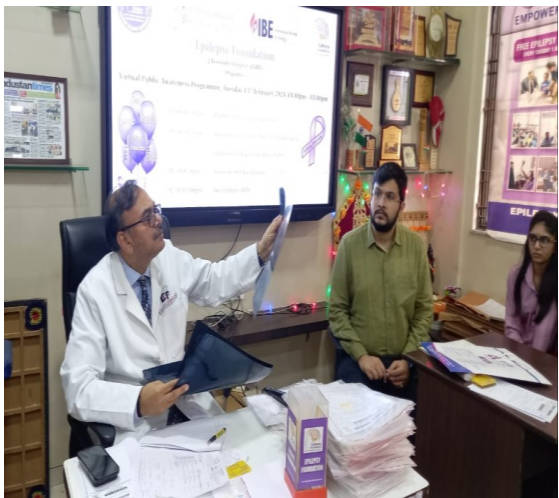
He also gave gist of International Epilepsy Day Virtual Session which was held on 12th February 2024 Program & upcoming plan of IGAP that has to be implemented within 10 years Many PWE with their caregiver shared their stories. The Session was started with message shared by **Dr. Fransisca Sofia, President of IBE**, Hindi which was translated by Naziya Ansari.



Programme was continued with PWE sharing their stories like Arti Sharma, Clinical Psychologist & Patients: Naziya Ansari, Divyasingh Sharma, Sharad Chaurasiya, Mercy Serrao, Zayba Shaikh, Sandeep Yadav, Ansh Keluskar, Devashish Bhaindarkar, Megha Shaikh and many more. Painting Activity was kept for Children with Epilepsy.



Tuesday Regular OPD was taken by Dr. Nirmal Surya & Dr. Darshan and 65 patients were been consulted. Followed by Counselling taken by Ms. Arti Sharma of 15 patients seen. All consulted PWE was given free medicines as usual.



You tube Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g3KpM566UOI&t=1314s>

A screenshot of a YouTube video player. The video shows a doctor in a white lab coat speaking into a microphone. The video title is "INTERNATIONALSLEPILEPSY DAY". The channel name is "Epilepsy Foundation India" with 451 subscribers. The video has 2 likes and options for share, promote, and download.