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Alagappa University, Karaikudi in collaboration with the Indian Dental Association, Tamil Nadu Branch organised the first State Community Dental Health Programme titled “Creating Awareness towards Cancer Prevention” today (5.3.2019). The objective of the programme was to create the importance of oral hygiene among the students so as to avoid oral cancer.



Inaugurating the programme, Prof. N. Rajendran, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, Karaikudi, said that steps would be taken to initiate a Memorandum of Understanding with Indian Dental Association for organising a number of awareness programmes and dental camps for the benefit of staff and students. He stressed the importance of creating awareness among the students regarding oral cancer and to create good habits and improve dental hygiene so as to avoid many diseases. He expressed his thanks to Indian Dental Association, Tamil Nadu branch for selecting Alagappa University to conduct the first Community Dental Health Programme.

Dr.R.Arunkumar, President, Indian Dental Association, Tamil Nadu branch in his presidential address, stated that the Indian Dental Association was started even before Indian Independence but unfortunately, it has not received the attention and recognition as the Indian Medical Association has obtained. The IDA has planned to conduct a number of awareness programmes for prevention of oral cancer, especially among the students, who would be great beneficiaries in future. He added that people today suffer from many diseases owing to fast changing life styles and food habits. And it is the duty of medical practitioners to educate the people on preventive measures.

Dr.K.P.Senthamarai Kannan, Secretary, Indian Dental Association, Tamil Nadu branch in his key note address, said that creating general awareness among the people on the importance of oral hygiene. By an oral examination of mouth an experienced doctor would be able to diagnose internal disorders and diseases. He added that for the total health of a person dental hygiene is very important. He asked everyone to go in for a dental check up once in every six months.

Dr.N.Gururaj, Professor & Head, Department of Oral Pathology, CSI College of Dental Sciences and Research, Madurai, in his special address, said that the main causes for oral cancer are smoking, drinking alcohol, eating food containing animal fat, grilled and fast food items. If there is persistent ulcer, inflammation of the intestine, gastric irritation, the person concerned should consult a doctor and take his advice.

Dr.K.A.Annamalai, CDH Convener, IDA Tamil Nadu branch, stated that from the next academic year onwards B.Ed., students will be trained on dental hygiene techniques and they in turn will be encouraged to educate school students on the importance of dental hygiene.

Prof. V.Balachandran, Special Officer (Planning & Development) offered his felicitation. Earlier Dr.T.K.Prabhu, President IDA Chettinad welcomed the gathering. Dr.R.Aanandhi, Medical Officer, Alagappa University, proposed a vote of thanks.

Prof.H.Gurumallesh Prabu

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