

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL ORAL HYGIENE DAY CELEBRATIONS 2019

Keeping the tradition of Indian Society of Periodontology, Society of Periodontists and Implantologists of Kerala (SPIK) observed the National Oral Hygiene Day 2019 in the most befitting manner. This year SPIK associated with two local IDA Branches in Kerala namely IDA Kodungallur and IDA Tripunithura and two dental colleges namely Mar Baselios Dental College, Kothamangalam and Malabar Dental College, Edappal in conducting the program



The program at Kodungallur was held at the Govt. Girls Higher Secondary School, Kodungallur in association with Indian Dental Association Kodungallur Branch and Malabar Dental College, Edappal. The targeted audience was the students of the school from Kindergarten to Grade X. Competitions in painting, essay writing and smiling were conducted for the students. **Dr Civy V.Pulayath**, HOD of Public health Dentistry, Malabar Dental College took interactive awareness classes for the teachers and the students. A dental exhibition was also organized along with.

The official function was inaugurated by the MLA of the local constituency, **Sri.E.T.Tyson Master**. SPIK President **Dr Harikumar Menon** presided the meeting. **Dr Jayan Jacob Mathew**, Secretary, SPIK, **Dr Mahesh Narayanan**, Periodontal Healthcare Convenor SPIK, **Dr Laju Mahesh**, President IDA Kodungallur Branch and the School authorities offered their felicitations. The program was well covered in the print and visual media









SPIK also associated with Mar Baselios Dental College, Kothamangalam in conducting an oral hygiene awareness road show in Kothamangalam Town. It was flagged off by the College Secretary **Adv.C.I.Baby** from the college. The road show included awareness talks, street plays, distribution of oral hygiene kits and awareness pamphlets regarding periodontal diseases at three main junctions in Kothamangalam town. At various places, the road show was welcomed and felicitated by dignitaries such as the Municipal Chairperson of Kothamangalam, Sub Inspector of Police and Merchant Association representatives. This event also received widespread media coverage

























Both the programs highlighted the specialty of Periodontics, the role of Dr G B Shankwalkar in establishing the specialty in our country, the existence of ISP as the professional organizations of Periodontists in India. We believe that these activities contribute to create awareness regarding periodontal diseases, their prevention and treatment in the society

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