SUMANDEEP VIDYAPEETH UNIVERSITY,
COLLEGE OF PHYSIOTHERAPY,
PIPARIA, VADODARA, GUJARAT - INDIA

A REPORT ON
WORLD PHYSIOTHERAPY DAY – 2015 CELEBRATIONS
“FULFILLING POTENTIAL”

The College of Physiotherapy, Sumandeep Vidyapeeth University, Vadodara, Gujarat, India, celebrated the world physiotherapy day on 8th September’ 2015.

Based on this year’s theme “Fulfilling potential” the college organized a talk by a renowned physiotherapist and competitions for students. The entire program was held in two parts.

The first part was an educational program which was conducted at auditorium, Sumandeep Vidyapeeth. The educational program started with a formal inauguration function. University’s Honourable Chancellor, Air Commodore Dr G. D. Mehta; Honourable Vice Chancellor Dr J. R. Patel; Dean of Allied Health Sciences, Dr A. K, Seth; Director Learning Resource Centre (LRC),Dr Kautilya Shukla, graced the occasion by their august presence.

Principal, College of Physiotherapy, Professor Dr Lata D Parmar welcomed all the dignitaries and talked to the students about importance of the theme; she emphasized that to fulfil potential, it was primarily important to identify the potential, thus emphasizing on the evaluations & proper assessments. Not just the disabled even the normal population need to be assessed & trained to tap their full potential and Physiotherapists play a vital role in fulfilling potential of each one.
Honourable Chancellor, Air Commodore Dr G. D. Mehta, spoke on the importance of energy in everyone’s life and spoke about how physiotherapy will help in reviving the potentials of patients. Honourable Vice Chancellor Dr J. R. Patel, shared his personal experience as a Physiotherapy patient and how fulfilling potential helps a patient. Dr A. K, Seth, Dean of Allied Health Sciences, advised the importance of Research in Physiotherapy. Dr Kautilya Shukla, Director Learning Resource Centre (LRC) spoke about the importance of increasing the awareness of Physiotherapy

Guest of honour, Dr Savji Nakum (PT), a renowned Paediatric physiotherapist from Ahmadabad, delivered a talk on “how physiotherapists help children with or without disability achieve their optimum potential and participate in the society.”

Student Dean, College of Physiotherapy Dr Megha Mehta read out Press release issued by WCPT on the occasion of World Physiotherapy Day and also a video from WCPT website depicting origin, history and the organization’s work was shown to the audience. The educational program ended with vote of thanks to dignitaries at 12 noon.

The second part of celebration was conducted at College of Physiotherapy, Sumandeep Vidyapeeth. Keeping in mind about this year’s theme a Poster competition for undergraduate students and competition on assistive technology – made from craft materials for post graduate students were organised. Guest of honour and a faculty from college judged the competition. All the dignitaries including Honourable chancellor and Vice chancellor interacted with the participants, encouraged and appreciated posters and projects made by the students.

The program concluded at 1 pm.
Outline of program:

- The program started at 10:30 am at auditorium. Air Commodore Dr G. D. Mehta, Chancellor, SV; Dr J. R. Patel, Vice-chancellor, SV; Dr A. K, Seth, Dean – allied health science; Dr Kautilya Shukla, Director Learning Resource Centre (LRC); Dr Savji Nakum (PT), the special guest of honour and the principal, Prof Lata Parmar, COP, SV after refreshment arrived to the auditorium, SBKS MIRC.

- Second year B. Physiotherapy student, Shivangi Modi, performed Indian classical dance to pay tribute to almighty.

- The function was inaugurated with “Deep pragtya” where guest of honour and dignitaries lighted the lamp.

- A video by WCPT organization, showing history, background, vision, mission, and contribution etc of WCPT was shown to the audience.

- Next, Asst Professor Megha Mehta COP, SV, read the WCPT’s press release.

- Prof LataParmar, Principal, COP, SV, depicted wonderfully the role and responsibility of physiotherapist in assessing and fulfilling the potentials of the patients.

- Dr Kautilya Shukla, LRC director, SV, stated that still there is lack of awareness about physiotherapy and enhanced the role of physiotherapist in creating awareness.

- Dr A K Sheth, dean of allied health sciences and research director, motivated the students regarding value of research in physiotherapy.

- Dr J. R. Patel, Vice-chancellor, SV, motivated the students with his words. He explained the importance of physiotherapy in helping people with disability by stating his personal experience.

- Air commodore, Dr G D Mehta, Chancellor, SV, guided the students about importance of energy in everyone’s life and spoke about how physiotherapy will help in reviving the potentials of patients.

- Guest of honour Dr Savji Nakum, paediatric physiotherapist, explained about how impairments hide potentials in brain injured children and the role of physiotherapist in bringing the potentials back

- Honourable Chancellor, SV Felicitated guest of honour Dr SavjiNakum, paediatric physiotherapist by presenting a certificate of appreciation.

- Asst Prof D Nagarjuna proposed vote of thanks to all the speakers, organizers and participants.

- Around 12 noon the program was concluded. Air Commodore Dr G. D. Mehta, Chancellor, SV; Dr J. R. Patel, Vice-chancellor, Dr SavjiNakum (PT), guest of honour and the principal, Prof LataParmar, COP, SV arrived at COP,
SV. Poster competition for undergraduate students and competition on assistive technology – made from craft material for post graduate students were organized. Dr SavjiNakum - guest of honour and Asst Prof Neha Mukkamala, COP, SV judged the competition.

Results:
Poster competition: (Undergraduates)
   Winner: Ms ChaitriKurpe – 2nd year B. Physiotherapy
   Runner up: Ms Riya Patel &
               Mr RasangSoni – Final year B. Physiotherapy

Assistive technology – made from craft material: (Postgraduates)
   Winner: Ms Maitri Shukla – 2nd year MPT

- The entire function completed around 1:00 pm with lunch.